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A SPINSTER'S VALENTINE

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CHAP. I.



T was Valentine's Eve and Emeline sat alone in her sitting-room by a bright fire which sent a lurid gleam around the small apartment for she had not yet lighted the bronze lamp by which she had sewed or read so many winter evenings.

Outside a heavy snow was falling; against the windows it dropped noiseless and white, while around the corners of the old house the wind drifted it in heaps till at the back kitchen door the old log step was completely covered even to the entrance. Emeline's thoughts wandered back into the past to another Valentine's Eve eleven years ago. Her thin hands were clasped together and her eyes were bent on the glowing logs as though she would find pleasant pictures there; her close fitting black dress made her figure look smaller and more stooped than ever; her hair was parted and gathered in the usual knot at the back of her head; so long had she worn it like this that she had forgotten that she had ever let it fall in any softer lines. Her pale blue eyes looked wistful tonight and once or twice she brushed away a hot tear with the corner of her blue gingham apron; so long had it been since Valentine's Day had meant anything to her that she had even forgotten it till this morning in the store around the corner she had seen gay school children buying valentines. Presently she murmured softly to herself, "Eleven years—and tomorrow will be Valentine's Day again"—and a sad smile spread over her thin face; the white cat disturbed by the sound of her mistress' voice, jumped down from her soft bed in an arm chair by the side of the hearth and came purring to Emeline as if to ask the meaning of this one-sided conversation. She took the gentle creature on her lap and smoothed the small head; this was the only friend she had ever confided in, "Tika, Tika," she cried brokenly and burying her face in the soft fur, she wept as she had not done for many years. Presently she raised her head again as if ashamed that Tika should see such weakness. Tonight she seemed an old and faded woman, but eleven years ago, at nineteen, the joy of life seemed opening for her.

She and Henry Osborne had been lovers, it seemed, from the time they had learned to spell out of Webster's blue-backed book in the old log school house, for he had even then been her champion in all childish disputes. As they grew up, though no word of love had passed between them, she felt sure of his devotion and their marriage was looked upon by all the villagers as a foregone conclusion. As for Emeline, she had never dreamed of loving anyone else; they had danced and skated and sleighed together, each day seeming brighter than the last, then suddenly the end had come. And again the old question confronted her, the one she had asked herself so many times in the past years, and which she was no more able to answer now than before: "Why did Henry go away so suddenly and not even tell her?" Putting Tika down quickly she arose and lighted the lamp, carrying it to the door which she opened and passed out into the narrow hall and up the dingy stair-case; she went into the back room under the eaves, that had not been used for a generation, and sitting down by an old trunk, opened it and began to search for something through numerous yellow stained papers and letters. The wind sighed dismally through the broken window pane and one or two frightened mice scurried across the creaking floor, but Emeline paid no heed so intent was she in her search. At last, nearly at the bottom, she found a large white

envelope, then replacing the other papers and closing down the lid, she retraced her steps to the comfortable fire before which Tika was basking herself in undisguised enjoyment. Drawing her chair nearer to the table Emeline sat down, still holding in her hand the large envelope; on the cover she read her own name—now faded and dim—in Henry's handwriting, then slowly, with trembling fingers, drew forth the contents. It was a daintily colored valentine with forget-me-nots and daisies in the corners, and a bright golden cupid with his bow, above. In the center were two entwined hearts pierced by the same arrow; on them in golden letters were the words, "Sweet Cupid will our hearts entwine, if you will be my Valentine."

Henry had sent this on that last Valentine's Day; she had found it under the door early in the morning; he had used it to ask a question he had never dared to ask with his lips; so she had thought and had gone to the Meeting House, for it was Sunday, with a happy heart, expecting him to walk home with her as usual, and of course he would ask her for his answer. She was in a dream of happiness as she listened to the sermon; she sat near the front and could not see Henry but she knew he was looking at her, so with that she was more than content. As she passed down the aisle she saw him go out the door, but when she walked down the steps he was not in his accustomed place and with a pained look she saw him walk off with the Sandersons by the side of a young lady who was visiting them. As he helped his companion over the stile Emeline caught his eye and he seemed to look reproachfully at her. She had plodded home alone over the frozen ground, her heart filled with a jealous anger she had never felt before. All day she hoped he would come and in the evening she had sat by the fire and listened for the familiar step, but he never came and she finally went to bed and sobbed herself to sleep for the first time in her life. All that week she waited for him in vain; the first three days it snowed almost constantly until everything was a shimmer of dazzling white; it was the severest storm of the season and she told herself that was the reason for not coming, yet snow had never kept him away before. When the storm had ceased and the sun shone out bright and clear, and still no Henry came, she lost all hope and jealous rage burned fiercely within her. Then again, she would try to think that he had been busy or gone on an errand to some neighboring town and that she surely would see him Sunday morning and he would come home with her and all would be well and they would be happier than ever. On Saturday afternoon, while she and her mother were doing the weekly patching, she was glad to see Mrs. Pinkham coming down the walk for they had had no visitors all week and now she was sure to hear some-

thing of Henry, and in truth she did, for scarcely had that lady sat down till she began, "Have you heard the news? Henry Osborne has gone to Californy—he left yesterday and don't expect to be back for years—his people are all jist takin' on at that rate—but Emeline waited to hear no more but closed the door behind her and sought her own little room to bear her sorrow free from the prying eyes of the village gossip.

It was all too true—he had gone without so much as a word to her—why, she had never been able to fathom. Years passed slowly by for Emeline; for a while life was almost unbearable under the inquisitive gaze of the curious neighbors, but now Henry's name had almost ceased to be spoken and when it was, few connected it with the little old spinster who lived alone in the brown cottage.

As the months had drifted into years there seemed to be less and less of happiness for her and she lived more and more to herself till now since her Mother's death three years ago, she was seldom seen outside her own yard. And now he had returned; only three days ago he had come tall and strong and bearded, his face bronzed by the western sun; she herself had seen him only yesterday while she was in the market buying her meat; he had passed and she had known him instantly, but had slipped back in the corner unseen; he looked so big and strong and independent and she seemed so miserable and insignificant—and to think he had once loved her, for believe this she always would in spite of all, at least he had done so in the old school days.

As she sat with the valentine in her hands she lived over again all their past days together; how kind he had always been in his simple boyish way and how gayly had passed the days when his presence had brightened them. She seemed older than he now when she was really three years younger. Her youth had vanished when he went away; it had mattered not that she grew plainer and plainer every day, till the young people could not believe that "Miss Emeline" had ever been young and pretty.

She read again the words on the two hearts as she lovingly caressed them with a trembling hand, but what is this? While touching them they suddenly dropped forward from the Valentine, which held them only by one slender end, and in doing so disclosed a second surface on which she discovered to her great amazement, some closely written words; they were in Henry's handwriting and she read them hastily, first to herself and then aloud, "If your answer is yes, wear your grey hat to meeting. H. O."

The words swam before her startled gaze; she seemed in a dream and was only awakened by Tika jumping again on to her lap; then the real truth flashed upon her and she understood at last. Henry was true after all—he had not been false but had gone away thinking she had refused him, for she recalled that she had worn her old black hat that Valentine's morning, fearing the snow would ruin the grey beaver that Henry thought she looked so well in. Why had she not seen these words before? The ink must have caused them to become fastened together, and the secret that had ruined two lives had passed unnoticed; she remembered now that she had never looked at the valentine since the first day that it came; she had in anger put it out of sight. At any rate it was too late now; she must live on as before and he would never know—never—never.

It was nearly an hour later when Emeline jumped up suddenly upsetting poor Tika who, in great surprise at her mistress's strange behavior, again sought her comfortable bed and watched Emeline take up the

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Unforgotten

BY MABEL CORNELIA MATSON

Was it but yesterday or years
Ago we said farewell through tears?
We meet without a sign, and yet,
Dream not I ever can forget.
The other friendships that are mine,
Dream not they can be dear as thine.
My best beloved is memory
And bitter-sweet her company.

The Apotheosis of Editha

[WINNER OF SECOND PRIZE IN OUR SHORT STORY CONTEST]

A Story in Seven Chapters

By Susie Bouchelle Wight

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Miss Sally VanBrunt, an aristocratic Southern lady who has always compelled everything to bend to her strong will, is quite overwhelmed on learning that her pretty niece, Editha, is engaged to marry George Collier, a worthy young man who is bound to make his way in the world but whose father had been an overseer to the girl's grandfather, and whose mother was addicted to smoking a pipe. Not being able to induce her niece to give up George Collier, Miss Sally decides to accept an invitation for herself and niece to spend the winter in the city of Oldenburg, in the hope that Editha will meet some one more suitable in point of wealth and social position. Miss Sally mortgages the family estate to obtain money which she spends in fine clothes for Editha. The latter is charmed with the beautiful clothes and the family jewels, now, for the first time, shown her, but leaves home firm in her determination to remain loyal to her lover. Dazzled by the admiration which she excites and the attentions paid her, however, she wavers in her loyalty to George, comparing him with the society men whom she meets, rather to his disadvantage. George at last receives the appointment of railway surgeon, for which he had been waiting, and at once goes to Oldenburg to see Editha. The latter is too much charmed with her city life to be willing to give it up. She tells George that if he wishes her he will have to carry her off, which he declines to do. An admirer of Editha, Mr. Wisner, presents himself just at this juncture; George leaves the house and returns to Penniton. Later he resigned all claims to Editha's hand. Miss Sally insists that Editha should marry Mr. Wisner, telling her that he has bought Willow-wood for their future home on the strength of the encouragement which she has given him. Editha refuses to marry Mr. Wisner and decides to become a nurse. Through the influence of Judge Whitby she is accepted on probation at Merivale Hospital and enters upon her duties there.

Times were, as the years went uneventfully on, and she felt herself settling into steady habits of thought and life, that Editha recalled that day at Willow-wood, when she had declared so positively that she would not live a lonely, loveless life, and Miss Sally had said that she would rather the family should die out of existence, than that she should marry any one who did not seem to her worthy to be united to a Van Brunt, and Editha wondered if her aunt's preferences would win out. No other man had touched her heart, and although she did not bestow much thought on her former lover, unconsciously she made his splendid qualities the standard by which she measured those men with whom she came into daily contact. Her love for him was a thing of the past—a part of her unthinking girlhood, but she had grown strong enough in her womanhood, to reflect with positive shame on the smallness of the trifles which had made her break her troth with him, though she did not regret the fact itself.

He had gone away from Penniton on the death of his parents, and she knew nothing of him, except that he was in the Government service, though she often wondered with a queer little pang, if he had fulfilled Miss Sally's prediction, and filled her place in his heart with some silly dependent creature—such as she had been in the days when he was so unmistakably in love with her.

She had dropped out of the gay world of which she made a part that winter in Oldenburg, and as was the case with her *affair de coeur* she was too busy to think of it with much regret. In the one brief experience which had served to turn a light on her inner self, she had passed forever from girl life to a womanhood, serious and strengthening day by day, under the winning brightness of smiling, and sympathetic eyes, which made a part of that magnetism which in time won to her all whom her life touched.

One day a strange thing happened. The Mr. Wisner, whose life she had come so near to sharing, sent for her. She had known of his illness, but it was a shock to her, to see how much he had altered. A wan smile curled around his white lips, as he looked up into Editha's pitying eyes.

"You owe me something," he whispered. Will you square the account by coming to me now?"

"I shall feel as though I need a chaperone," flashed the old-time Editha. The look of pity vanished in a healthy little laugh.

"You have not entirely changed," he murmured, still gazing up into the strong young face, "and I am glad that it is so. I need some cheerfulness these days. Will you nurse me till I am well, or—" a frown settled over his face and he interrupted himself. "It cannot be very long, will you stay and make me reparation for the trick you played on me?" The frown changed quickly to a smile, and then to a look of sad appeal.

"Aunt Sally owes you the reparation," said Editha, "but she and I have changed places somewhat lately, and I will square her account if I can."

So she settled quietly down to taking care of him, and neither of them ever again alluded to the past.

As he had said, it was not for long, but the nurse who might have been his wife, cheered those remaining days with all she knew of skill and brightness. It was then, that she felt the need imperative for something higher than her own life had ever known. It was not the ordinary relation of nurse and patient which existed between them. He seemed to turn to her for more than cheer, as he slowly but surely passed into the valley of the shadow. She had often been dimly conscious of some deficiency in the growth of her soul, but now the sense deepened to positive longing, and

all through those days, when she ministered to the dying man, her heart was insistently crying, "Lord, help me that I may help him—teach me that I may teach him!"

Easter Sunday had come, and still no answer to her prayer. She was off duty in the afternoon and her walk brought her past the old Cathedral. It was long past the hour for service, but an impulse caused her to enter. She went up close to the grand altar, her feet making no sound on the padded floor, her eyes uplifted as she drank in the exquisite fragrance of the flowers which were massed everywhere in rich profusion. She whispered to herself, "In the beauty of the lilies." There were hundreds of them, long throated, beautiful and breathing heavenly thoughts.

She dropped to her knees for a moment, as she had done in the far-past day of her confirmation, but she did not bow her head in a formal prayer. She lifted her face high to that flower wreathed altar, and again came that haunting supplication, "Lord help me that I may help—teach me that I may teach!"

The sacred atmosphere, her weariness and longing,

was drawing near, and then with singing soul, and shining face she hurried back to her post—the apotheosis of that other Editha whose feet, all these years, had been unwittingly bearing her into this blessed life.

CHAPTER VII.

When Miss Sally found that by Mr. Wisner's will she once more owned Willow-wood, she showed no unseemly joy, but accepted it as her due, though she had more than once refused to occupy it during his life. She went back to it at once, and to all appearance took up her life exactly where she had left it off, a little grayer, and a little grimmer perhaps, but quite as independent and proud as she had been before she sowed her late crop of wild oats.

Editha, whose life grew richer and fuller day by day, remained at work. The vivifying influence of the wondrous thing which had been born into her soul that day in the Cathedral, had seemed to awaken into action, every splendid power of her being. The tenacity of purpose, the clear intellect of long dead and gone Van Brunts lived again in that small daughter of their house, who wore her nurse's uniform as proudly as though it were ermine, and served her new found King with a passionate devotion.

One day in glancing over a daily paper, her attention was caught by the headlines "A CASE OF YELLOW FEVER IN PENNITON."

She remembered in a flash how she had heard her aunt tell of a fearful scourge there long years ago, before the quarantine regulations were made so rigid, and she turned sick with foreboding. She thought of the little town lying under the blistering September sun, the shimmering bay, and the yellow sluggish river, with the long docks always crowded with foreign craft, waiting for cargoes of lumber, and naval stores.

She scanned each day's reports eagerly. There was the usual rush of panic stricken people to get away, and day by day the big black figures at the head of the columns grew larger.

Miss Sally with no suggestion of undue haste, had come back to Oldenburg and taken up her residence in the rooms she had formerly occupied, leaving Willow-wood vacant once more, and Editha drew a breath of relief, when she found the old lady there. Her face was still troubled, however, and very quietly she set about making arrangements to leave the city. She had scarcely completed them, when the call came from stricken Penniton for nurses, and at the head of a little band she was among the first to reach the plague-cursed town.

There was plenty for them to do. Heart sickening scenes were everywhere. The few faces one saw on the streets wore the impress of grief and dread, and in the houses those left prisoned in the place sat under a shadow of impending evil. It was still some weeks before a frost could be expected to stay the progress of the disease, and Editha thought despairingly that before that time it must have run its destructive course and left Penniton a veritable city of the dead.

Nurses and physicians worked day and night, the faithful ministers close by their sides, and Editha's brave smile answered many a feeble flash of recognition from the people she had known so long ago. Busy and burdened as she was, she found the old familiar scenes compelling her thoughts back to her one-time lover, and the things which had come between them took on even a smaller and more contemptible significance as she reviewed them in the presence of this terror, which stripped away all social differences and distinctions and left only worth and unworth, essential strength and evident weakness, bare to the light of day. Very subtly an idea of his being near came to her, and she kept wondering why he had not come back to the home town in its need—even expecting daily to see him.

One day she lifted her eyes a moment from the intense effort she was making to fight off the stage of deadly collapse which threatened a patient, and saw him standing on the other side of the bed.

She worked steadily on, and he gave a few directions in a low tone in which she recognized the subnote of authority. No flood of scarlet rushed into her face and her heart did not beat the faster, for in some mysterious way, she was not startled in the least. She had felt so sure that he would come, and his personality, and her own did not enter largely enough in her thoughts then to make her self-conscious. The woman was second to the nurse.

She gave an inquiring look at another nurse who came in as he went out, after leaving the patient quiet and breathing easily.

"The government expert," answered the nurse.

"A prophet in his own country," thought Editha with a smile, and she knew that he would be worthy of that meed of honor which one's home is loath to give. The old confidence she had always felt in his presence came gradually back to her as she allowed her thoughts to linger upon him, and her despair over

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The Edelweiss

BY GEORGE BANCROFT GRIFFITH

In its lone sanctity we view
This little flower of modest hue
Crouched on the cold Craig's dizzy height,
The scene of eagle's morning flight.

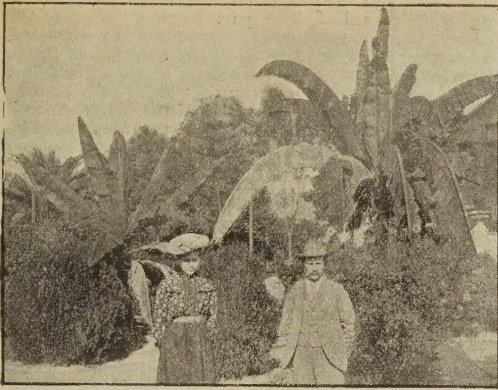
And still, from loftiest altitude,
Like noble soul in kindest mood,
Could it be moved and lowly set,
'Twould blossom sweet as violet!

A lesson here from pow'r Divine:
No matter how our talents shine
Or high our station or degree,
The best gift is HUMILITY.

the suggestion in the symbols before her eyes bore upon her heavily, and she dropped her head at last upon the cushioned rail, in a reverie that was in itself a repetition of her prayer.

A breath of heliotrope brought to her mind those other flowers which had marked the end of her butterfly existence, and had spoken to her of a mission of brightness and helpfulness. She had tried so hard to fill it, and yet it seemed that she had not done enough, and she burst into tears, crying out, "I have done all that I know—I will struggle no more!"

In that moment of self abandon, the message of the lilies found its sweet way into Editha's spirit. Sacred words which had been but empty phrases, sprang into her mind, fraught with life and meaning, and still kneeling there with bowed head, she forgot the flowers, forgot that it was Easter Sunday, forgot that days lay behind and before her, and all else, except that the Lord had claimed his own, and that her longing for His presence was satisfied at last. She knelt there, tender, glad and happy, until the full strains of the great organ reminded her that the time for evensong



Thanksgiving in California

By Georgiana S. Townsend

It is November 23, and tomorrow is Thanksgiving. We pick up our morning paper and read of the storms and cold in the east, and we know that people are huddled about fires, and preparing for a regular old fashioned Thanksgiving with snow and turkey. How would you enjoy taking a step out into California this glorious morning?

I am up at six. The sun is flooding the valley as it pours over the eastern mountains. The air is balmy and quiet. The smoke from Los Angeles seven miles away, rising straight up into the sun tinted air. Twelve miles to the west, the sun sparkles upon the waters of the old Pacific. Between the city and the sea lies a fertile valley, just tingling green with wheat and barley fields, while about me are the orange and lemon groves, throwing forth that illusive never-to-be-forgotten fragrance of orange blossoms. Standing like white haired old guardians to the north of us, are the great snow-capped mountains, so near one can almost touch them; so far away that their snow capped tops have no effect upon our climate.

Tomorrow is the foot ball game, and in the delicious stillness of the morning, I go out and pick violets for a big bunch to wear at the game. The Parma violets are thick, for they are early, but there are many long stemmed California violets now blooming. It takes a long time to pick a large bunch, but how charming it is to take one's leisure at such a dainty pastime.

After they are placed in water, we will arm ourselves with a basket and some snippers, and cut roses for the vases. They are in fine form now. From one to another we wander, enthusiastically declaring each new variety more beautiful than the last, and there are one hundred and twenty-five varieties in my rose garden. Then a dozen carnations for the tall carnation glass.

The poinsettias are never so beautiful cut, as they are on the trees, so we will not bring any of them in. The whole place is aglow with their intenseness. This year there are twenty trees of them. Next year I intend to have one hundred, as they root easily from cuttings, and the street upon our east is Pomsettia Place. Will it not be a pretty conceit to set a row of them along the sidewalk? That is my plan.

The marguerites are beginning to bloom too, and the oleanders are throwing out pink, white, and red banners on their tops. And the bourgainvillea, tucked far away from the reds and yellows, is making a brave showing with its ugly color.

That is about all which is in bloom, excepting a few flowering trees. Walk with me, and I will show you the narcissus and freesias, callas, and lilies all getting ready for Christmas blooming. The sweet peas are up, and the poppies and holly-hocks, are making strides toward early spring flowering.

Nor must we neglect the garden, where beans, peas, onions, lettuce and radishes are ready for the table. And the banana tree with its bunch of ripening fruit, and the ripe pineapples ready for Thanksgiving cutting.

The accompanying photographs will give you a more adequate idea of our Thanksgiving beauty and also serve to prove my words, for we poor abused Californians are often accused of being the most colossal liars in the universe.

And you can wear your pretty summer dress, and carry a parasol to the foot ball game tomorrow, but provide a wrap, for when the sun goes down it is chilly.



A City Sleigh Ride

By Orlene Dorman Foster

Remembering the jolly country sleigh rides of my early youth, I determined to renew the pleasure even if the first enthusiasm of early youth was lacking, and with this in mind repaired to a nearby liveryman for information on the subject of large sleighs.

For a reasonable sum he furnished me with a long sleigh holding twenty, a team of four horses and a driver.

Praying that the elements might favor my venture I waited for good sleighing and sent out invitations for the same week, two days in advance, and this is the form they took.

It being early December I repaired to the toy department of a large department store and there, from their advance Christmas tree decorations I procured twenty of the dearest little paper candy-box sleds for five cents each. From the body of these sleds a little drawer pulled out and in this, packed in frosted white cotton I tucked a tiny card on which was printed:

"Jingle bells, Jingle bells,
Jingle all the day—
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a four horse open sleigh."

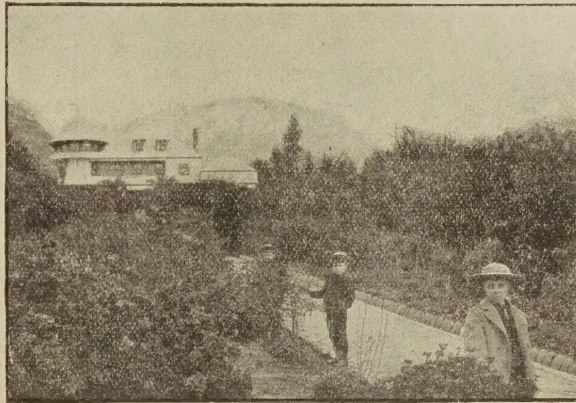
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Promptly at eight.

—Ave.

I then set to work to further materialize my plans.

Although living in the central part of a large city I discovered that by riding about five miles we could reach an open yet partially sheltered section, where we could have our bon-fire and other pleasures. Nearby a farmer promised two hours shelter for the horses in



his barn and, for a slight consideration, to comfortably house the driver and provide him with something warm to eat.

Through this same farmer I managed to bribe some small boys in the neighborhood to gather faggots and boughs enough for two large camp-fires and to pile them, covered with some old sacking to keep them dry, near the intended camping ground. Fortunately I discovered quite a large open spot where trees sheltered from the wind except on one side, so we were well provided for.

The evening arrived, clear, crisp, and starry and away we sped, protected by hot stones, fur robes and individual wraps so that we were in no danger of any cold.

In the morning I had sent by express to the camping ground a large kettle for chowder, an iron crane to hold it, boxes of matches, etc. With us in the sleigh we took a large pail of ingredients for chowder all ready to cook, five pounds of marshmallows; a large box of sandwiches; a quantity of potatoes to roast; ground coffee and a kettle to cook it in; pepper, salt, oyster crackers, sugar, cream, eggs and butter, all neatly packed and placed beside the driver.

Each member of the party was handed, as he or she left the house to enter the sleigh, a package containing a white enamel-lined granite bowl and cup, a medium sized aluminum spoon and fork and a pointed stick for a marshmallow toaster. With these we were equipped for the evening.

A little over an hour brought us, frosty and happy, to the camping place and in fifteen minutes the men had two huge fires blazing merrily, while the girls had applied themselves briskly to making chowder and coffee, roasting the potatoes and spreading out the sandwiches for later use. Paper napkins and wooden plates were furnished to each and we ranged in two circles, ten around each camp-fire.

By the time the potatoes,

which had been buried in the hot ashes, were thoroughly roasted, the other things were ready and we started supper with very little delay, of that I can assure you. And such a supper. Did any other potatoes ever taste as good as these, I wonder, or coffee smell more deliciously fragrant? It seemed as if we could never get enough. After supper we sat there toasting marshmallows and telling stories until long after eleven, loathe to return and it was long after mid-night, I am ashamed to say before we finally gathered up the rugs on which we had been sitting, packed up the remnants of our feast and finally left, regretfully. With the stones from our sleigh freshly warmed in the glowing embers and the bells of our horses ringing out merrily over the snow we journeyed homeward and with one accord we all joined in the good old song and made the frosty echoes reverberate to—

"Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the day."

A Reverie of Snow

By R. C. Pitzer

Snow, Snow, Snow! I awoke this morning and looked out through my little garret window, into a world of romance. The magician of the Northland had come down in the night and new-made the world. Through the thick, panoramic flakes, eddying here and there with the gentle wind and all hurrying down to the white, blanketed earth, appear the back-yards, and fences, and jumbled houses of a mediaeval city. Snow always does that for me; it covers up the changes of Time, hides faithfully the essentials of the present, and reproduces scenes of long ago.

The attic room, never too real nor prosaic to my imagination, loses wholly its wonted appearance. I feel no longer a man crowded out from the busy world—pushed up into the city's garret, and forgotten, rather am I the dreamy student in a dead past, dwelling above a city of romance.

I can sometimes distinguish black figures hurrying along through the snow, and my imagination clothes them in doublet and hose, and puts jingling rapiers by their sides or cudgels in their hands. The absence of the watch annoys me, and I look to see the booted rascals stamp past, their halberds dragging in the snow, and to hear their rude talk as they make for the nearest tavern.

Strange, pleasant and ghastly novels are enacted in the dream-city below while I muse. All the stories of snow-bound Paris crowd into my memory. I see women and children shiver through dark alleys, listening terror-stricken to the howls of the wolves that are on the frozen Seine. I see ragged beggars and criminals crouch in half-buried corners, and unfortunate girls die on the steps of silent churches. From squalid taverns I hear songs and rough laughter, and mayhap sudden oaths and clashing weapons; to be succeeded by hurrying feet and terrified silence. Rough and uncouth rhymes of half-forgotten poets ring in my ears. Sudden pictures from dead chroniclers, and trouvers, and gossiping, fat monks flash past me in scenes of beauty, and terror, and humor, and ugly vice. And in new and artistic dresses, dead mummies of Time sweep by me and vanish into the storm.

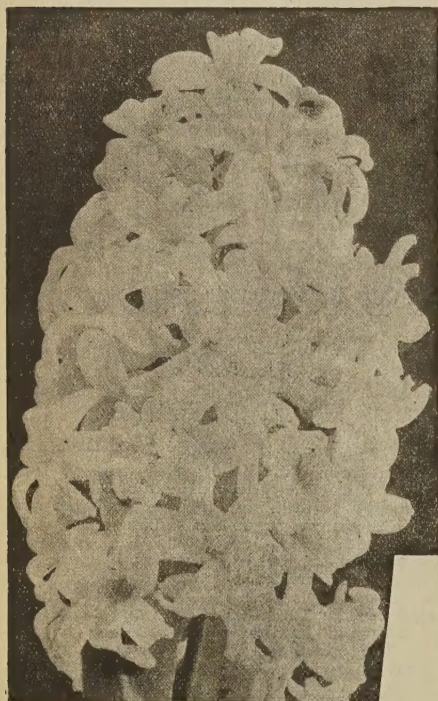
But snow-scenes change as rapidly and completely as day-dreams do. One moment in Capet's Paris, the next I am looking out from a window upon smoky London. If I stare sharply now, I may see the belfry of old Bow wavering in the snow. In that garret across the way, perchance some genius, huddled up in his great-coat and with his night-cap pulled down over his ears, is scratching away with his worn out

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The February Window Garden

By Lennie Greenlee



A Window-Grown Hyacinth.

The "little summer all shut in" of the window garden receives its last undivided attention this month. In March come the heralds of the great out-door summer,—pussy willows, hepaticas, snowdrops, crocuses, and a few other brave flowers.

But in these last months of its yearly existence the window garden makes its bravest show of bloom. Even the northern windows are bright with a rim of pink primroses and hyacinths; the eastern ones fairly blaze with gay and saucy scarlet tulips; in southern ones blossom azaleas, amaryllis, geraniums,—all manner of gay flowers. Where shelves and brackets extend to the tops of windows they seem bowers of color-flecked greenery that hide perhaps, a cage of happy, trilling canaries.

Such masses of foliage and flowers are very cheering to passers by, but, inside the home, brown pots and stems are more in evidence than leaves and blossoms, both of which *will* turn outward to the light. Once I advocated a daily turning of house plants, to give them symmetry and their owners the benefit of their flowers. Now I know that a plant left to grow with the same leaves and buds constantly to lightward will bloom earlier and more profusely than one that is turned daily. For the gain in flowers I am willing to go outside and enjoy them even as do passers-by. On gala days the plants can be turned facing inward. Often when a plant has been coaxed into full bloom I set it away from the window on a table or shelf where it can be more fully enjoyed.

The safest plant food, in ordinary room conditions, is home-made liquid fertilizer, but it is not cleanly. Use it only in hot beds, cold frames, greenhouse or conservatory. For plants growing in the living-room a commercial odorless plant food of any good make can be dissolved according to directions and applied once a week. It is better to make it up weaker than the directions given until its virtues have been tested.

Plants that are still dormant, or growing little, do not need liquid stimulants; it is a mistake to give them in order to force growth. Plants growing rapidly, or those forming buds and flowers are the ones that need fertilizing. As the days lengthen through this month and the next, plant growth starts in earnest, and more fertilizing will be needed than at any other time. But be wary, following the plan of giving stimulants little and often,—and always after watering with clear water,—rather than so strong that they may kill the plants outright.

Hyacinths and other Dutch bulbs do not require any stimulants. The main point after bringing them into the light and making sure that their flower-stems lengthen properly is to give plenty of water. Warm water will hurry along any that you are anxious to have bloom quickly. Keep some of the finest white and light-colored hyacinths back for Easter by allowing them less water and warmth and a cooler temperature than the others.

To vanquish insects the best and cleanest insecticide is water. If applied often and vigorously enough it

will rout almost any insect foe. For red spider turn the plants on their sides in some large vessel, so that the roots may not be drenched, and syringe the under as well as the upper sides of the leaves. When fighting scale and mealy bug steep some tobacco-stems in water and add enough of this to the water with which you are syringing to color it slightly. Used too strong tobacco-water curls some soft leaves, like those of the heliotrope, and turns them brown. Repeat this dose two or three times a week until the plants are clean. Warm, soapy water will both clean and brighten the leaves of palms, rubber plants, etc. The scale insect sticks tightly and will need to be picked off. Often insects can be kept away by simply scattering tobacco stems over the surface of the pots. This time of year when the plants are tender and growing fast insects are apt to be most troublesome.

A deep plate or saucer filled with sand and kept soaking wet makes a good window propagator in which to start cuttings. Often February brings valentines in the shape of boxes of cut flowers. When the flowers have faded, if the stems of some of those most admired are inserted in the sand they may grow into choice plants.

Seeds of slow germinating plants such as cyclamen, cannas, moonflowers etc., can be started in the window now. Wait until March before sowing most other seeds.

Flower Chat.

By Mrs. Estella Bragg

To be sure it seems unseasonable to talk of gardening with the mercury flirting with zero, but it is none too early to plan.

The catalogues have begun to come and we all want



Xanthoceras Sorbifolia.

everything between the two covers and outside of them, too.

Canna seed cannot be started too early. I once had some snapdragon seed of which I was doubtful, so I sowed a few in an oyster can the first of March. They came up promptly and looked so independent that they were given a chance for their lives.

When I made my garden in the spring there was a spare hollow log, so I divided the tangled mass of snapdragons into three or four pieces and planted them there in rich soil.

They were soon in bloom and rarely have I had an arrangement that pleased me more. They were not allowed to form seed and were cut back a little from time to time. If one uses logs or tubs, a good way to have some good potting soil to put in the cellar for next winter is to put some stable dressing and sods raked from the garden beds in the bottoms, then fill with enriched soil as usual. After the frost kills the plants in the fall, take off the top soil and put around the perennials and mix the rest thoroughly. It will be rich and friable.

Dahlias do finely in logs and I have never seen an imperfect bloom when so grown. A few canary-bird flower seeds planted with them and the plants made to trail over the sides, look very pretty.

Do we not all know what a time we have to get stakes large and small for our gardens in the spring? Let me tell you what I intend doing when the snow crust forms in late winter, I will take my small boy and a little handsaw and hie me to a lot near by that is covered with white maple saplings from lead pencil size up and bring back some pretty stakes as ever were painted.

Not long ago I read that nothing looked well growing with petunias. The past summer some of the balsams that the gladiolus bed was filled in with failed, and having a few petunias I set the tiny plants there. They looked pretty with the shades of pink gladiolus. The scarlet would of course "swear at" petunia shades but it seems to me a bed of the bright colored gladiolus filled in with single white petunias would be a "dream." A gladiolus bed is a forlorn looking sight when done blooming, especially if the blooming stalks are not cut off. Balsams are very pretty with them but do not stand the frost like petunias.

Xanthoceras Sorbifolia.

By Florence Beckwith

Xanthoceras sorbifolia is a very attractive hardy shrub or small tree, a native of northern China, which was discovered more than seventy years ago by the German botanist Bunge, who accompanied a Russian mission which traveled overland from St. Petersburg to Peking. Nearly forty years later a French missionary, Abbe David, sent specimens of the plant to the Jardin des Plantes in Paris, its first introduction to Europe. From the notes of Abbe David it is learned that the Xanthoceras was exceedingly rare in those parts of China which he visited, that it was cultivated in the gardens of Persia, and that the seeds were eaten by the Chinese.

We owe to China many of the most beautiful shrubs and trees which adorn our gardens, and among them all none is handsomer than the Xanthoceras. In spite of its beauty, however, it is still very rare in this country.

The name Xanthoceras is from two Greek words, alluding to curious yellow, horn-shaped glands between the petals. Chinese Flowering Chestnut is one of the common names given the shrub and Hyacinth Tree is another. Botanically it is related to the Bladder-nuts and the Horse-chestnut.

It is very well adapted for growing singly on the lawn. It reaches the height of six or eight feet, forming a round, upright bush with reddish bark, dark green, glossy foliage, and bearing a profusion of showy blossoms. The leaves resemble those of the Mountain Ash; they are dark green on the upper surface, pale green on the under side, not subject to the attacks of any insect, and retain their bright color until quite late in the fall.

The blossoms are exceedingly showy. They appear with the leaves in April or May in erect, terminal clusters or racemes about eight inches long. In color they are white, somewhat bell-shaped like a Hyacinth, and about three-fourths of an inch across. At the base of each petal there is a yellow blotch which gradually changes to a dark red, almost chocolate color. The petals are crumpled when the flowers are first open. The clusters of blossoms resemble those of the Horse-chestnut as well as the Hyacinth. The shrub begins to blossom when quite small, sometimes when not more than eighteen inches high. The flowers are produced in great profusion and a well-grown bush in full blossom is a magnificent sight. The fruit is a somewhat pear-shaped capsule, in general appearance resembling that of some of the smooth-fruited Horse-chestnuts. When ripe it splits into three valves which contain a number of round, nearly black, shining seeds about half an inch in diameter.

The Xanthoceras is hardy as far north as Massachusetts, but it is advisable to give it protection in winter until it is well-established. It is not very particular as to soil, but it likes a sunny position. It deserves a little extra attention, for when in full bloom it is an exceedingly beautiful bush. When better known it is sure to find a place on every lawn or in every collection of shrubs.



Cocos Weddelliana.

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Our Palms

By Flora Lee

Palms cannot be too highly recommended for culture in the ordinary home. Here conditions are not generally all that the amateur florist or the plants themselves could desire, so it is really astonishing that such stately aristocratic plants should deign to flourish for us.

But flourish they will, despite even such drawbacks as illuminating gas and furnace heated air, if they are given intelligent treatment. This you probably already know about, but I should like to tell you something of the kinds that are growing for us, in spite of the uncongenial conditions mentioned.

You have been told sometimes that they would only "exist" under such circumstances, never really flourish,—and perhaps this has discouraged you from trying them,—but ours do not stop growing either summer or winter, never seeming to care for a rest, and apparently enjoying life to the utmost.

Sometimes, too, only the most robust varieties are advised where one has no conservatory. And certainly this is decidedly best for those inexperienced in their culture; but after you have succeeded with *Phoenix reclinata*, *Latania barbonica*, etc., then comes the pleasure of attempting any variety you wish. They will soon let you know if they are unable to adapt themselves to your conditions. On the other hand they often remain dormant for some time before beginning to grow, especially if procured in the fall (spring is a much better time). I like getting palms when they are just beginning their character leaves; such as are generally sent out by mail, for it is so interesting to watch the new leaves take on more and more of their full character. Our *Phoenix rupicola* received by mail at this interesting stage a few years ago, has now fully developed character leaves and is one of our choice possessions. It is a fine grower and extremely graceful. We have also *Phoenix pusilla* which is a lovely dwarf variety, with the pinnae or leaflets quite far apart and of a shining dark bluish green.

Cocos Weddelliana is also a dear, and anyone makes a mistake who does not try this daintiest of all palms. We are very proud of ours, as we have never happened to see one as large. Standing in its natural position it is twenty-nine inches high (above the pot) and thirty-nine inches across, with leaves ten and a half inches wide. It was a fine specimen plant when purchased, and each year for five years it has grown more beautiful. Yet even when very young this miniature variety is lovely.

The leaves of *Chamacrops excelsa* are rather stiff, but they are arranged on the plant in such a compact symmetrical way and the plant has such a hardy constitution that it commands our respect and admiration.

Our *Kentia Belmoreana* has been growing for us for six years and has never been in a healthier, better condition than at present. We think it a fine specimen of an exceedingly fine variety, having graceful dark shining green pinnate leaves.

Scaevola elegans is also a graceful variety and adapts itself nicely to existing conditions—and is indeed elegant and very desirable.

Ptychosperma Alexandrae is a choice species somewhat similar in form to the above but of a richer green, and the leaves are silvery on the under side.

The common name of *Caryota urens* is Fish-tail Palm because that describes somewhat the form of its bi-pinnate leaves which Mother Nature appears to have cut in two (crosswise) in a very uneven and jagged manner. It is a decidedly odd kind and seldom seen. We have learned that it likes a warmer place than our other palms.

Latania Borbonica is a well known variety and easy to manage.

Our *Livistonia Hoogendorpii* has not yet full character leaves, but from present appearances we imagine it is going to make an imposing specimen when older. It is a fan leaf Palm similar to the above, but a much taller growing species.

We also have *Areca lutescens* and *Phoenix reclinata*, both deservedly popular varieties, and the latter an especially easy one to grow.

If you have never attempted growing Palms, do not let the fear of failure debar you from that pleasure any longer. Read carefully about the proper treatment to give them, then send for two or three plants to start with, and you will be surprised at their accommodating disposition.

Large specimens are rather expensive luxuries, therefore the young plants which can be procured so reasonably are a boon to many. Another point in their favor is that they are apt to prove more tractable than the older plants.

Even from a financial standpoint palms are a good investment, for they are constantly increasing in value.

We cannot resist urging those who are now growing only one or two, to beautify their homes with as many as possible of these "Princes of the vegetable kingdom."

The different species are an interesting study, well worthy of one's attention.

Ornamental Asparagus

By Ethelyn

Asparagus plumosus nanus, or Lace Fern has been a favorite with florists, but it is only quite recently that it was to be found in the amateur's collection. Within the last few years, however, it has rapidly found favor. It is a very rapid grower and its easy culture makes it a favorite decorative plant. Give it good soil, good drainage and good light. It likes the morning sun, but will grow and thrive even in a north window. Give only a little water during its resting periods, but plenty when the new fronds are growing. It is an extremely graceful window-climber with bright green feathery foliage as fine as the finest silk or lace. The fronds or plumes are often from



twelve to fifteen inches while even on small from four to eight fronds retain their cut and are greatly addition.

This graceful Asparagus taken the place of purposes. It possesses much more graceful, than the most delicate led for grace and for the house or conservatory. They grow from tiny plants into specimens.

Asparagus Emerald Feather well known as A few years ago now it is very planting in pots, vases, or as a plant for the hanging basket it is unexcelled. Its beauty is shown best as a hanging plant, as it thus has a chance to let its fronds droop naturally.

It is a strong vigorous grower, especially good for the dry atmosphere of our living rooms, and is seldom troubled by any disease. The fronds are bright green. It has small white blossoms followed by red berries.

One of my neighbors has a plant two or three years old on her parlor table. It completely fills her bay-window and her curtains are draped with it. The fronds, many of them, are from four to six feet long. It was just a small plant when she got it and now it is an immense specimen. The fronds are excellent for cuttings as they retain their freshness for a long time.

Dealers can hardly praise these two plants too much. They are both beautiful and satisfactory plants for either the home or the conservatory.

The illustration shows the possibilities of training *Asparagus* for ornamental purposes. Such a plant will beautify any apartment and the one growing it may justly be proud of it.

in width on large plants, the fronds will be inches wide. The freshness for weeks when mired for floral decoration.

Asparagus, has to a great extent, *Smilax* for decorative the advantage of being its foliage being finer fern and it is unequal-beauty. It is a fine plant servatory, and will do many living very quickly to large vigor-

Sprengeri or is not quite so its sister plant, it was unknown, popular. For planting in pots, vases, or as a plant for the hanging basket it is unexcelled. Its beauty is shown best as a hanging plant, as it thus has a chance to let its fronds droop naturally.

Seedling Dahlias

By Georgiana S. Townsend

If I had raised the dahlias from seed I would not have been so delighted over the results, but to have the dahlias go to seed, scatter the seed, and for the seedlings to come up amongst the cannas, was what made it so interesting.

Last year I had two varieties of dahlias near together. One was a very large double yellow. I think it is Queen Victoria, but I am not certain, anyway it is immense. It grows to six feet, with large stalks and leaves, and the flower stalks are very long and large. The flower is heavy and full and hangs downward. It is immense, deep yellow, and the seed pod is enormous. The other dahlia is a red one. The yellow I believe belongs to the show family of dahlias and the red must be decorative. It has a full moderate sized blossom and the outer petals turn yellow. The seedlings were crosses from these two. It was along in July when I discovered long spindling dahlias amongst the cannas I knew no tubers had been set there so we dug them up. Each one had a tender little tuber and I set them in the regular dahlia bed. In about six weeks they were blooming, and then my enthusiasm began and before all of them had bloomed I was almost distracted with delight.

The first had ever characteristic of Queen Victoria, in fact, all of them did, the large stalk and leaf, the long flower stalk, the full heavy head. But the first one to bloom was an intense flame color, a color seen only in the richest of chiffon velvets. It was dazzling. The next was a yellow with a red blush over it. It looked like red chiffon over yellow silk. Then there were combinations of red and yellow, also an intense orange red. In fact there were fifteen seedlings, every one different, and only two not fully double, and those two were about the prettiest of all, because they were so loose and artistic in their semi-doubleness.

Desirable Plants

By Emma Clearwaters

It is difficult to sing the praises of President Carnot begonia enough. A well grown plant of this begonia is an ornament to any window for its beautiful foliage alone, but when it has blooms of its large scarlet panicles of flowers, it is indeed a lovely specimen.

The scarlet sage is another plant which can be depended upon; its fiery blooms light up a room more than several duller bloomers might.

One of the *Sultana* balsams will be sure to satisfy; while we have many prettier plants, it is rarely we find a more persistent bloomer. Our plant in a two gallon jar, is a huge bouquet of pleasing green and bright pink. Last May it was a slip, so one can see they are rapid growers. Unlike many plants, they bloom as they grow and are always in blossom. They are fine bedders in a shady spot, protected from the strongest winds; remember this next spring and bed out a few slips. They will not endure drouth or frost.

Another plant that has given us cheer for several winters is the pink oxalis, *floribunda*. We have ours in a roomy hanging basket and it has proved a cheerful friend through the dreary months. This year we have some white in with it, so expect it to be yet more pleasing.

Use loose loamy soil, rich but no fresh manure, give good drainage, put several bulbous roots in the vessel; after growth starts, water often and soon it will be covered with bloom. The leaves and dainty florets close at night, or "go to sleep," the children say. When the foliage turns yellow from no apparent cause, after it has blossomed quite a while, this denotes its rest period has come. Withhold water and when the foliage is dry pull away, don't cut, from the roots, and place in a dark corner several weeks, then begin to water sparingly until vigorous growth commences, when it is ready for another season of bloom. If it rests but once a year, which is usually the case, report in fresh rich soil before the new growth commences. Ours rested last May, and ever since July it has been covered with cheerful pink and white blossoms.

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The feathered flakes, how fast they fly!
Like little birds that don't know why,
They're on the chase from place to place,
While neither can the other trace.
It snows! It snows! A merry play
Is o'er us in the air today!
As dancers in an airy hall
That hasn't room to hold them all,
While some keep up, and others fall,
The atoms shift; then thick and swift,
They drive along to form the drift,
That, waving up, so dazzling white,
Is rising like a wall of light.
Tomorrow will the storm be done;
Then out will come the golden sun,
And we shall see upon the run
Before his beams, in sparkling streams,
What now a curtain o'er him seems;
And thus with life it ever goes!
'Tis shade and shine! It snows! It
snows! *Hannah Gould.*

What Homes Express

BY EDITH VAN VALKENBURGH.

How forcibly it came upon me the other day that homes are the clearest expression of the thoughts and characters of their occupants. Not that the idea is new to me or to others. Caryle's Sartor Resartus devotes several chapters to the development of the thought—that the body clothes the soul; the garments clothe the body; and the house clothes the clothed body—shell upon shell, and all a picture of the thoughts of the wearer. The philosophy of it is the things with which we surround ourselves are the things we admire, or think about, so our house is naturally a reflection of ourselves.

Not but that most of us live in houses that do not please us, because forsooth we have had no voice in planning them; and their furnishings are often forced upon us because we cannot afford to indulge our taste, and besides we are the victims of presents from well-meaning friends; but, after all, there is something in the air of a house, be it a single room or a mansion that reveals the character of the inhabitant.

When you enter a house, how much it tells you instantly. Here is a young woman's room, the wall space of which is covered with cheap pictures; the room is crowded with tea-tables, bric-a-brac, men's pictures and endless souvenirs of every gaiety in which she has had a part. Her thoughts are just a whirling crowd of trifling emotions. No quiet, no thought, no reserve. The young man's room of the same type has pictures of ballet girls, Gibson girls, winter girls, summer girls, and actresses ad infinitum, mixed with a conglomeration of pipes, sofa-pillows, horse pictures, monks, drinking scenes and Indian relics. We all know the type of man—young and thoughtless, with aspirations toward being "one of the boys."

The opposite type of the same class is the conventional reception room, where a few pieces of costly furniture are assembled in stiff formality—indicative of the calls received in the room. That is the typical society woman. She would not be guilty of an unconventionality for anything because she has never had the originality to think of one. Amiable, proper, well-bred—but stupid.

One kind of house is my particular abhorrence. That is the house that is furnished to its minutest details by some decorator. His taste may be perfect, but how dreadful for the occupant to have no opportunity to rest his or her eyes upon an object that is his or hers by right of the soul's possession. These timorous people are afraid to trust their own tastes, because they have not had wealth long enough to learn how to use it, and they do not know that if a man is going to be "anybody" he must be brave enough to be himself.

But now let us look at those houses that express something besides the tawdry conventional, or artificial. There are clean, cool bedrooms, with light wall decorations, graceful furniture and everything washable. They are for the athletic girl, with calm eye, firm mouth and well-poised head.

There are cozy libraries finished in the dark woods, with heavy draperies and bright rugs, handsome books, and family

portraits. In this room belongs the young man, courteous, polished, gracious, an honorable gentleman and fit companion for the preceding young woman.

There are all the pleasant, comfortable houses, meant to be lived in, where there are books and magazines, and sofas and music and harmonious colors, and these are occupied by pleasant, comfortable people that one likes to live with. Charming too is the home that conveys the sense of size and space. A big room the furnishings of which are simple, useful, and elegant, is as restful as a person of large mental mould. One great mistake with our lives and our homes is that they are over-crowded. Some people have a positive dislike for removing anything from their home after it has become a factor therethrough it may have outlived its beauty long since, and the constant acquisition of new things has crowded the house beyond all comfort and convenience. Among the chief virtue of the rummage sale, is that it has soothed the consciences of those who wanted to get rid of these superfluities, by presenting it as an act of charity to dispose of them and furnishing a palace for those articles that the owner, out of respect for their old age no doubt, did not want to destroy.

True Christian Endeavor.

BY EMILY HOUSEMAN WATSON.

From the burdened masses of humanity there goes up a cry of despair. Hope has fled; it has been crushed out, by poverty, perhaps, or by misfortune, or, sadder yet, by vicious living. Such souls see no joy in life; the present offers no solace for their woes, the future is dark, without one ray of hope, or promise of better things. There is no longing for immortality, that life of endless bliss which is the christian's stay, his star in the gloom of sorrow.

There are men and women, oh the sadness of it! who would welcome death as an endless sleep; no hope, no faith, no joyful assurance, that in a future life the soul will receive full compensation for the ills endured here. It is this despairing, sinking class of humanity which the earnest worker is privileged to aid and to bless. He need not go far to find

opportunity; in our factories, on our streets, in shops and private dwellings, wherever the foot of man has trod, are souls whose lives are blighted by despair.

This is the field for true, christian service; this is christian endeavor in the right line. To bring joy and gladness to one such broken-hearted mortal is worth more than the organization of new societies, or the bringing together of a great association. Such work can be accomplished by personal, unabated effort, by example and earnest prayer.

Those perishing hearts are hungry for something they do not possess, they themselves scarcely know what. It is that longing which God has put in every human breast, but which with them has been crushed and blighted. Let but a hope in a future life spring up and bloom once more, and the sorrow, the pain, the despair will vanish from their lives forever. Who will make this his aim, his life-work? Who will go into the highways and hedges, into the busy shops, even into dens of vice to speak words of cheer and hope?

It is a privilege that should be seized eagerly by every member of Christian Endeavor Societies.

Let the consecrated young worker point them to Jesus, the Lamb Who takes away the sin of the world; let him urge them to repent and to trust in that tender, loving Providence that hears the ravens when they cry, and marks the sparrows when they fall.

Oh soul, bowed down by care, and disappointment soon,
To whom the gates of joy see opening
nevermore!

Behind that threatening cloud the glorious sun still shines,
Your paths will lie for you in fairer,
sweeter lines.

Despair leads down to depths whence mortals never rise,
But Hope, on wings of love and trust,
allures us to the skies.

Items of Interest.

The English newspapers report a new application in Australia of the principle of the coin-in-the-slot machine, stating that if a stamp cannot be purchased conveniently it will be possible in the future to drop a letter into one orifice of a postal box and a penny into a second orifice, and the words "One penny paid

will be found impressed on the envelope when the box is opened by the postoffice authorities, thereby securing the transmission of the letter.

The Swiss girl is taught to be humble and practical from the moment when, at the age of four, she enters the infants' school, until at eighteen, when she returns finished from pension. There is absolutely no difference between the treatment of the masses and the classes. They sit together at school, are taught the same subjects by the same masters, receive the same punishment and the same praise.

Prof. John Trowbridge, of Harvard university, says that some recent experiments he has made in the Jefferson physical laboratory show that "the astounding noise of a lightning discharge is largely due to the dissociation of water vapor," through the explosion of the hydrogen and oxygen gases produced by such dissociation. In his mimic lightning experiments Prof. Trowbridge produced a torrent of huge electric sparks. The noise of the discharge was so great that the operator had to stop his ears with cotton and then wrap a heavy cloth around them.

One of the old schoolmarmes of Salisbury, Mass., was Elizabeth Eastman, who received ten cents per day for tuition. An old bill for twenty-four weeks (\$2.40) with a deduction of twelve cents for absences was found recently, dated 1824. It was the custom in those days for pupils to carry their fuel with them, and it was probably done in this case. A bill of "Master Walsh," dated ten years later, for tuition of the same pupil, gives the price as \$4.33 for schooling of thirteen weeks.

Irrigation plans already outlined in California, Oregon and the Dakotas will involve the expenditure, in round numbers, of \$27,000,000, and reclaim a million of acres of land, capable of supporting a population of five hundred thousand. This will be making blades of grass grow by the acre where not a single blade grew before. As the money is to be repaid to the reclamation fund from the sale of the reclaimed lands, the process can be repeated indefinitely, until all the lands known in American geographies of half a century ago as "The Great American Desert" have been conquered to the uses of civilization.

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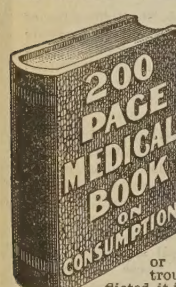


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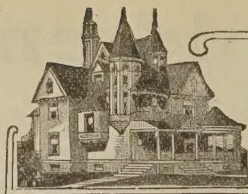
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The Household

A Necktie Rack.

By R. E. MERRYMAN.

Now that long neckties are so much worn by both sexes, a necktie rack is a very acceptable gift. It is especially suitable for the brother who dislikes to fuss with a necktie case.

A board thirty inches long and twelve inches wide is used for the back of the rack. The ends of the board may be simply rounded off or sawed in fancy shape as preferred. When the ends are finished the two side edges should be about twenty-four inches long. Two boards as long as side edges, and two and one-half inches wide are used for the sides of the rack. At the upper end these narrow boards should be sawed in a slight curve one inch from the back, then out to the front edge in another curve, in again three quarters of an inch and then straight down to the lower end where it rounds off to meet the back. A small rod is set into the first curve at the top and, after the rack is finished, a pretty curtain is fastened to it to protect the neckties from dust. Another rod in the outer curve holds the curtain away from the necktie rod which is placed a little below and further back. This allows the neckties to hang on their rod without touching anything else, while the curtain which is shirred and fastened to its rod with a heading, effectually excludes the dust. A brass curtain rod made very bright and cut to fit the places will answer the purpose nicely, or a small rod of wood will do equally well. The rack will only need varnishing if the wood is of a nice kind but soft wood will do almost as well if it is stained with one of the Diamond wood stains before the varnish is applied. A very pretty finish is given by applying two coats of white enamel and then decorating the top and sides with Diamond gold paint. The rod should be painted with the Diamond gold paint if the white and gold finish is chosen, otherwise they may be simply varnished to keep them from tarnishing. A blue curtain of silk or silkoteen is very pretty with a white and gold rack. If desired a rod may be placed about eight inches from the lower end of the rack for brother to hang his collars on instead of overloading the rod intended for the neckties.

Floor Coverings.

BY E. J. C.

It is a real economy to cover the floors of two or three rooms with the same kind of carpet. It can usually be bought cheaper in large quantities. When they begin to wear out, they should be taken apart, the best widths sewed together and used for one room. The worn pieces of ingrain carpets may be cut in strips one inch wide, raveled on either side and woven into rugs. Small figures are supposed to wear better than large ones. Dark figures on a light ground make the carpet look thicker and heavier.

A good floor covering may be made of an old Brussels carpet. Tack it smoothly on the floor, wrong side up and give it two coats of common house paint. Let it dry thoroughly before it is used. A coat of varnish will make it last longer, and it will be easier to clean. It need not be taken up for several years, and when the paint begins to wear off, give the worn places another coat.

Matting is an excellent covering for a bed room floor. It is cheaper than a woolen carpet, and is much easier to sweep. Sweeping across the widths instead of lengthwise makes it last longer. Oil cloth, matting or linoleum does not need scrubbing, but may be cleaned by wiping it with a soft flannel cloth wrung out of a warm suds which is made by dissolving gold dust washing powder in

soft water using a tablespoonful to two gallons of water. Rinse and wipe dry. A self-wringing mop saves much stooping and hard work.

If ink is spilled on the carpet, take up all you can with a spoon or a sponge, then wipe the spot with a cloth wrung out of clear warm water. Dissolve three tablespoonfuls of baking soda in a gallon of water, dip a brush in it and scrub it, then rinse in clear water until clean. This treatment is especially good for a Brussels or Moquette carpet, and will usually remove every trace of ink. Hot milk is often used in cleansing ink spots from carpets with excellent results.

Household Hints.

JULIET HITE GALLAHER.

When cheese is bought in large pieces, brush it over with a thin film of fresh butter each time it is cut. This keeps it soft and fresh. Use boiling water when it first boils, before the gases escape and it becomes flat.

When wax from dripping candles falls on the table linen, it can be removed by a generous application of alcohol.

Grass stains on linen and white cotton can be easily removed by soaking the spots with kerosene then wash with a good soap. If a lemon is kept on the toilet stand, there will be no cry of stained hands, it removes all kinds of vegetables and fruit stains if applied generously.

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Two ounces of permanganate of potassa thrown into a cistern will purify the foulest of water.

Dip the knife in hot water before cutting hot bread and you will have no difficulty.

Place an apple in the can with fruit cakes or any solid cakes and they will keep fresh.

Hints for the Mending Basket.

JOSEPHINE WORTHINGTON.

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We often hear the remark that a certain child is continually wearing out the elbows of her dress and nearly every boy would be out at the knees if it were not for constant mending. One wise mother of whom I know accepts the inevitable and patches up the prospective places before they appear. In the sleeves of new dresses an extra piece of the goods matching the weave is put ready for the emergency also a generous patch in the seat of new trousers. This is a real saving of time for when holes appear there is no ripping of seams to be done and patches to be hunted up. New stockings are treated in the same way,—they are tried on and a place marked where the knee comes. A patch is neatly sewed underneath which not only strengthens the stocking but looks better when the hole comes than the same place filled with darning.

Mending table linen.—The young girls in Switzerland are taught in school to

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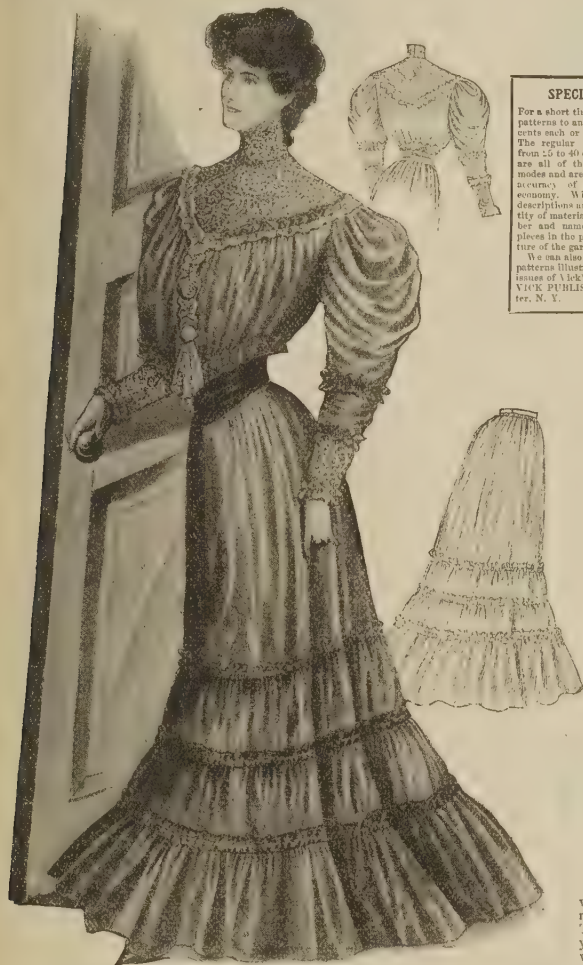
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which forms a soft, full front over which the main portions above are arranged, and is trimmed with capulettes which give the broad shoulder line. The quantity of material required for the medium size is $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards 21, 3 yards 27 or $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards 44 inches wide, with $\frac{1}{4}$ yards 21 or $\frac{1}{2}$ yards 44 inches wide for yoke, tucked front and cuffs and $\frac{1}{4}$ yard all-over lace, $\frac{1}{4}$ yards of applique to trim as illustrated. The pattern 4547 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure. See special offer above.

In Japanese Style.

Kimonos have become so familiar to Western women as scarcely to suggest any foreign element, but this one being made of Japanese crepe with banding of ribbon brings to mind the Oriental origin and is exceedingly attractive. The model is a graceful one at the same time that it is eminently simple, and includes sleeves that are pointed in bandkerchief style. The quantity of material required for the medium size is 9 yards 27, or 32 inches wide or $4\frac{1}{2}$ yards 44 inches wide with $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards any width for trimming bands. The pattern 4549 is cut in three sizes, small, medium and large corresponding to 32, 36 and 40 inch bust measure. See special offer.



Pattern Nos. 4625, 4639 and 4638.

Stylish Spring Frocks.

Plaid colors and checks share the honors of the spring, and both are smart as well as shown in attractive colorings. The little dress worn by the smaller child shown in the illustration is made of blue and white check with the guimpe of white muslin but is suited to all simple fabrics. The suspenders are novel, cut with extensions over the shoulders, and the skirt is circular, tucked at its upper edge. To make the dress for a girl of ten years of age will be required $4\frac{1}{2}$ yards 21, $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards 27 or 2 yards 44 inches wide with $1\frac{1}{2}$ yards 36 inches wide for guimpe. The pattern 4625 is cut in sizes for girls of 6, 8, 10 and 12 years of age.

The short waist dress worn by the older girl is shown in chiffon Henrietta, wood brown in color, and is trimmed with bias plaid material, which is applied between the plaits. The waist is an attractive one, box plaited at back and front. The skirt is five gored, laid in box plaits which conceal all seams. The quantity of material required for a girl of fourteen years of age is for waist $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards 21, $3\frac{1}{2}$ yards 27 or 2 yards 44 inches wide, for the skirt 7 yards 27, or 44 inches wide. The waist pattern 4638 is cut in sizes for girls of 12, 14 and 16 years of age; the skirt pattern 4639 is cut in sizes for girls of 12, 14 and 16 years of age. See special offer above.

Crepe Messaline and Lace.

All soft silks are greatly in vogue for fashionable waists and gowns but none among them is prettier than the crepe messaline, which in the case of the waist illustrated, is shown in pale blue with trimmings of twine colored lace. The waist is an attractive one made with tucked yoke,

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Conducted by
Mrs. Laura A. Goodwin

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Dear Mrs. Goodwin:

Since my Mother died I have no one to advise me and I have read with interest your letters to those who have sought your advice, and thought I would venture to ask your help in a matter that is troubling me very much.

My husband and I are young, we have been married three years and have a dear little girl. Lately my husband has inherited a little property. He has a good position, but he thinks he could do much better if he had a business of his own. He wants to invest this money in that way and borrow some more. He is a fine salesman, but I fear he may not do as well in managing the business in other ways. I am sure he will take my advice if I urge him strongly not to do it, but I love him so I cannot bear to disappoint him; and yet I dread the responsibility for him. I tell him I would rather live on less and have it sure with less responsibility. What has been your experience? Do you think as a general rule, men do better in a business of their own?

Thanking you, dear Mrs. Goodwin for the privilege of troubling you with my problems, and for the motherly sensible counsel I know you will give me, I remain

Faithfully yours
A Young Wife.

Dear Young Wife:—

I would advise your husband to keep his position for the present as he is young and has a good position he can afford to wait. A little money is soon lost in business. Only men of ripe experience can afford to borrow money, and only men who have lost their money and some other man's money know what misery it brings. It takes a peculiar man to succeed in business. Your home-life will be happier if you keep your money in bank and wait till you are sure your husband has just the right opportunity. Write to me again.

Dear Mrs. Goodwin:

As I read your letters of comfort and advice in Vick's Family Magazine I said to myself "I will write and ask Mrs. Goodwin to advise me what to do in my case." I was left a widow at an early age without much means, and had of course to look about for something to do. I did not want to spend all I had, which I put away in the bank. After getting along very well for some years, one day I thought I felt lonely; and when a young man whom I had known for some time asked me to marry him, I unwisely said "Yes," without fixing the day, however. I have since discovered from his conversation and from what others have told me that all he cares for is my money, which he thinks will be very useful in his business. I do not really care very much for him, and now less than ever. Ought I to break off the engagement?

Lena M.

Lena M.—

Never marry a man that cares for you only for your money, for it not only takes money but love and respect to have home life what God intended it should be. I advise you to keep your money where it is and break off an engagement that promises you so little happiness.

Dear Mrs. Goodwin:

I have a friend whose husband drinks a great deal, and although he is a very nice man when he is sober when he has been drinking he says all the disagreeable and abusive things to her that he can think of. She is nearly heartbroken, in consequence, and is so changed from the bright, talented woman she was when she married him that one cannot help feeling that something should be done for her. I asked her if she had prayed for him, and she said, with an exclamation, "I should think I had but if he would pray for him, so as not to do me good." The poor woman spoke out of the bitterness of her heart, but do you not think she was right? And how can we get these men to pray for themselves?

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. C.—L.

Mrs. C.—L.

No man has a right to spoil a woman's life. I would advise your friend to live apart from him for awhile, or forever if he cannot treat her with the dignity and respect that is due every good wife. But continue to pray for him and God will help him to see his mistake.

I had a dear friend in just such a position. She lived away from her husband one year and today and for six years he has occupied a Government position and they are a happy husband and wife in a beautiful home of their own.

Dear Mrs. Goodwin:

I wish you would tell me what I can do to break my boy of smoking. He is only 12 years old, but has, somehow, acquired a taste for tobacco and although he thought I did not know it, I soon found out from his listless manner and loss of appetite that something was wrong, so I watched for the cause and soon discovered that

it was tobacco in the form of cheap cigarettes. I taxed him with it, and he colored up at being found out, but only said, "Papa smokes." His father only laughed when I told him, but it makes me very sad as it is ruining the boy's health. What ought I to do?

Yours truly,
Mrs. H.—I.

Mrs. H.—

Many mothers have asked me the same question about the habit of cigarette smoking. I wish I could give you and thousands of other mothers a sure remedy. Interest him in other things. One mother I know promised her boy if he would give up cigarettes she would buy him some chickens, and the business and all the money he could make should be his own. He gave up the habit and today has eighty dollars in the bank, and no desire for smoking, but is doing business like the little gentleman he is, and is a healthy, normal boy.

Dear Mrs. Goodwin:

One of my children, a boy, has an exceedingly quarrelsome temper and can never play with other children without getting angry if they do not play exactly as he wishes them to, and yet I cannot keep him away from them. Do you think it has anything to do with his health? He appears perfectly well and has a fine appetite. Can you suggest how I may improve his disposition?

Yours truly,
Mrs. R.—n.

Mrs. R.—

Try to be patient with your quarrelsome boy, it may be an inheritance. At the same time, be firm with him and forbid his playing with children, even at the cost of considerable effort on your part; for such a disposition will destroy all his finer and better qualities and he will never have friends but as a man will be disliked. Now is the time to help him if ever. The world in general shuns and dislikes overbearing men and women? Can you not put him in some school where the children are all strangers; he will see himself as they see him and it may do him good.

Dear Mrs. Goodwin:

I have read with interest your letters in the Heart to Heart Talks and I want to ask the privilege of seeking your advice. You seem not only motherly and kind, but so sensible and level-headed in the advice you give that I believe you can help me to decide a question I am trying to solve.

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Do you advise me to take some of my money and set up a home for myself and try to live alone? Won't I be too lonely and regret it? Is it not better that I should try to be content in my friends home and endure whatever may be unpleasant? I have reason to believe that I am as happy with these friends as I ever shall be with any friends and I don't want to make the move unless I can feel sure I shall be happier.

Can you out of your broad experience advise me?

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In Bondage.

They are such weak and tiny hands,
And yet to earth they bring,
Close folded in the soft, wee palms,
A slender, unseen string.

Invisibly, about our hearts,
This thread of love is thrown,
And closer drawn to bind us fast
Than even we will own.

It stronger binds around our hearts
Than links or bands of steel;
Yet where those hearts are tenderest
No galling hurt we feel.

A little hand that could not lift
The smallest plaything light,
Is strong enough to hold the cord
To keep the bounden tight.

In bondage to those weakling hands,
We own their sovereign reign;
Proclaim our loyalty to them,
Nor would be free again.

The while a strange deep wonder comes
Our inmost souls to stir,
That life could seem a joy to live
'Ere we in bondage were.

Note: Among my readers may be some old, old grandmother who remembers some sweet lullaby sung years ago. I would be glad for the words and for the best one submitted will pay regular poem rates.

Also, in order to obtain a truly good lullaby for the mother readers of Vick's Magazine I offer a prize of five dollars for any one composition good enough to be used for such purposes. Only words, not music, are required and not too long a poem.

"Better to be despised for too anxious apprehensions than ruined by too confident a security."—Burke.

The Young Mother.

Ere beginning a discussion on the complicated theme of artificial feeding it is but wise to first consider those aids or hindrances which render the natural process of breast feeding a joyful privilege or a question of indulgence. Diet naturally seems one of the rocks on which to base best hopes of success and so it is—when it is not the hidden rock on which fond hopes are ruined. Still in considering causes for the inability of some earnest women to nurse their infants when no visible symptom of ill-health exists and physically the mother seems specially well able to bless her child by giving to it that sweetest comfort of babyhood, that true essence of love materialized into food, we must remember some suffer vicariously for drunken ancestors, and in some families all the mothers fail for successive generations. It quite commonly is true that stalwart, robust women of ample dimensions are oftenest unable to nurse their children.

One very frequent cause, indeed the most frequent, is the mismanagement of the first child-birth, the failure of the nurse, the lack of perseverance of the mother and rarely the awkward attempts of the drowsy child supplements both and ends its chance of happy hours. "Trifles," some may sniff scornfully; aye it is a trifle that you forbid the baby's first unconscious efforts and feed it paps and castor oil; a trifle, that you improperly feed the helpless trusting mother, and delay attention to her breasts; a trifle, too, that by heavy crooked pressure of "hot bottles," "clay pipes" or a breast pump on a swollen breast you disfigure her for life (and perhaps start a

cancer) or render nursing too painful to bear.

No better method exists than the advice given in Dr. Stockham's "Tokology," i. e., feed patient on wheat and other gruel for first three days. For drinks nothing excels Welch's Grape Juice (for a tasty relish their grape jelly is incomparable) and milk sipped slowly and often is the proper diet. Toasts, omelettes, fruit (especially figs and dates) can be introduced, soup follows and gradually a full diet, but to do as one I knew; i. e., "sit up and eat a boiled dinner" is ridiculously unwise. Also nurses should avoid giving either salts, or sedlitz powders to mothers at beginning of nursing periods. Either rhubarb, licorice or cascara sagrada will be as sure and leave no ill effects but will by secondary effect work on the baby, so do not give overdose.

An instance is quoted in Tokology of a frail little woman who weighed less than a hundred pounds and had had serious trouble in trying to nurse her first children. Her good doctor put her on a milk dietary, that is, she ate a proper amount and kind of food and every morning and night drank a pint of fresh milk, still slightly warm; the result was wonderful. She nursed her baby a year, a fine fat child and grew plump herself! That this is no "theory" to doubt I can testify, having seen it similarly tested giving in addition to it a daily "egg nog" containing two eggs and pure cream.

Some people have allowed themselves to be odd—they like to say "Oh, I hate milk," or "I can't drink warm milk," and as the imagination is a strong force they seemingly "can't." This is a matter of will power—over come it. Don't spend useless time thinking or talking about it. If necessary fast until so hungry that anything tastes good. Try diluting the milk, or try a dash of salt in it, or lime water; try not to drink milk with meat meals; but try to drink milk. Let Love rule you; think of the wee babe yearningly, and instead of weak hot slops of tea or quarts of cocoa drink milk. If not quarts daily try pints, and failing in that, even after trying "milk shake" with straws—try a half cupful: But drink milk—and if no other way cook some cereal each morning into a gruel thinned with milk and drink this, very hot, four times a day and always on retiring and before breakfast.

Eat all you can of honey, figs, prunes, dates; nibble sweet chocolate, use much brown and whole wheat bread. Use as little stimulant in tea or coffee (and never any liquors) as you can use no drugs or strong physics; avoid cold water on your hands or chilling your body. Do not live on pork, potatoes and pie—especially if a rural woman; have fruits and vegetables daily.

Also keenly note baby's weight. If he ceases to gain at about fourth month examine into causes. Avoid over-feeding! Teething often causes poor appetite but if he grows thin, peevish and wan, try letting some of your own milk stand until the cream rises on it and notice whether there is much cream or whether milk is blue and watery. If you suspect your child is failing (because his weight has proven the fact—for all mothers should weigh their babies weekly for at least six months) from lack of enough food, try to add to his diet a modified milk—see formula given in Tokology.

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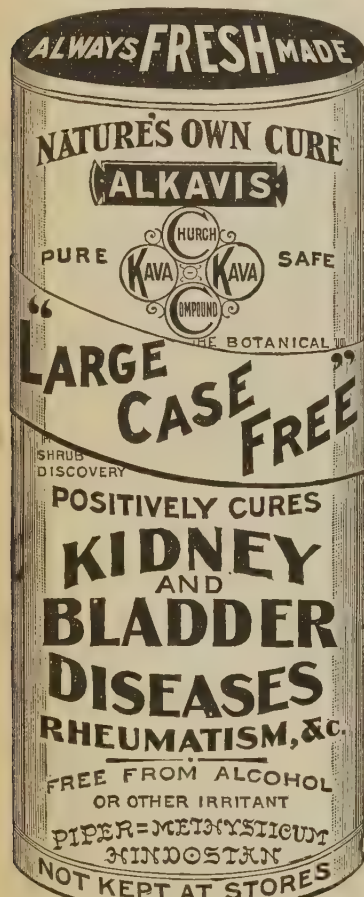
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MRS. D. G. MATTHEWS.

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Helpful Ideas for Housekeepers.

MRS. E. M. ADDLEMAN.

With a bit of soft rag or paper and a little lard or any soft grease free from salt rub the inner surface of all cooking vessels before using, whether iron, tin, granite or porcelain. It prevents food sticking and burning, and the vessels are much easier cleaned, doing away in a great measure with soaking and scraping.

When baking apples in tin or sheet iron pans, line the pans first with manila paper, folding it in at the corners. The fruit will not taste of the iron, and the paper can be lifted, the juice poured out, and the paper burned. The pan will hardly need washing.

Tin fruit cans if thoroughly greased before using will last very much longer, and the fruit be as nice as if glass jars were used.

Washing.

L. M. B.

As washing is very hard for most all mothers, I will tell you how I do, hoping it may help some one.

I put the dirtiest pieces to soak over night, in the morning I wring them out while the water in the boiler is heating. When the water is almost boiling hot I make a good suds, then wash the finest pieces first, and so on picking out the cleanest until all are washed.

Then I make another clean suds and take them all through, turning each garment so as to get the lint out of the seams. Next I get a tub about two-thirds full of bluing water, give them all a good rinsing, and hang out immediately so they will not become streaked, as they will if allowed to stand.

To Clean Silver.

MRS. W. M. KNOER.

A perfect material to clean silver is simply common baking soda. Grease the article very lightly all over, then dust thoroughly with soda. Lay aside for an hour or two and then rub thoroughly with a smooth tissue paper until bright, which will be very quickly. A very rough or ornamental piece of silver ware will need a tooth or other soft brush as a paper might not reach the inner parts, but soda never scratches the silver ware at all.

To Cure or Prevent Chafing.

LUCY L. FOSS.

Wash with warm water, gently wipe, then lay on cotton batting, best quality, such as is used for bedding; change as often as it is wet.

Cake, without Eggs, Milk, or Water.

MRS. J. T. YOUNG.

I have been a subscriber to Vick's Magazine for several years and have learned so much about my flowers and many other useful things from it that it seems like an old friend and it would be hard to keep house without it. If all of its subscribers—or even a few of them—would contribute articles of information about household matters—cooking recipes, etc., to its columns it would be a real treasure to young housekeepers as well as to the older and more experienced ones. "We are never too old to learn."

Now that eggs are so high I will send you a recipe for a nice cake made without them or milk.

Apple Sauce Cake.—Cream together one cup of sugar, one-half cup shortening, add one salt spoon of salt, one-half teaspoonful of cloves, one teaspoon of cinnamon, a little nutmeg and one cup raisins, seeded and cut up. Dissolve one teaspoon soda in a bit of warm water; then stir it into a cup of sour apple sauce, letting it foam over the ingredients in the bowl. Beat all thoroughly and add two cups sifted flour. Bake in a loaf tin forty-five minutes or more until it is well baked. Very rich, moist, delicious and cheap. If the apple sauce is not very sour add a little boiled cider or vinegar. No eggs, milk, nor water. Please try and report.

Good Bread.

MRS. JENNIE RILEY.

One thing that has been a great help to me for a year is good bread made thus: Any good yeast home made or the standard brands we buy, soak half teacupful and to every pint of warm water add a scant table spoonful of sugar, salt as usual, beat good, make about as thick as pancake batter, let rise over night. Before kneading, take out a half pint in Mason jar, stir in a full table spoonful of sugar, put lid on and set away for next baking. I do not add any water to the flour before kneading the bread, but just save out the sponge each time. Have never added new yeast more than twice in a year. The oftener one bakes the better the bread. In hot weather set the jar in the cellar. Do not let it freeze in winter.

Busy people eat too fast. People of leisure eat too much—or exercise too little—which results the same. Poor people eat indigestible food. Epicures eat too great a variety. Professional people eat at irregular hours. Toppers eat too little. The above classes include 999 out of every 1000 adults, and every one of them gets indigestion sooner or later. The only permanent cure is to correct the habit. The quickest, surest relief of the attack is by the best, safest, pleasantest remedy known—Dox Digestive Doucettes.

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Mrs. Van M. says—My little boy is subject to frequent attacks of croup. Some of my neighbors are never troubled with it. (A) How can I break it up? (B) How prevent it?

You have not learned how properly to feed your boy. You let him have cake, cookies or candy at any time of day, and possibly a large piece of pie at dinner when he has eaten little or no dinner, or pickles as many as he likes. Children under four should not have pie or pickles and very little meat; very little cake and that only after a meal of plain food, such as stale bread and butter, bread and milk, baked, boiled or mashed potato and butter, toast, cereals, eggs boiled or poached; but best of all, plenty of pure fresh milk. Aged from four to ten they may eat sparingly of pie or cake as dessert, and of meat. Always see that they eat a good portion of the plain foods. But you may say, he has little appetite. He is delicate. It seems cruel to refuse him what he likes. Yes, but it only seems cruel. The real cruelty lies in giving the food that is not good for him and keeps his appetite poor and his digestion out of order. He will continue to be delicate as long as his food is cake, cookies, candy and pie; and moreover he will also just so long continue to be subject to croup. Use a firm hand. Refuse him these things absolutely and he will soon be glad to eat plain bread and butter or some other plain wholesome food. In cases of croup I expect to find indigestion, plus a cold. Children take cold easily if kept too closely housed up; if kept in rooms too warm; if bundled too warmly when sent out of doors. Children should spend a good deal of time out of doors at play. And even in cold weather do not bundle them up so much as to impede the use of their limbs. They get tired trying instead of doing, which is discouraging and harmful to child or adult, man or beast.

Do not clothe the throat too warmly. Over-wrapped throats, are tender throats.

The first thing to do in an attack of croup is to send for the doctor, as the case may be membranous or diphtheritic. Next warm the child's feet and keep them warm. Get him into a free perspiration. Next give him a teaspoonful of syrup of rhubarb and soda to right the stomach. Repeat in an hour if needed, and these three will cure many attacks by the time the doctor gets there. You may apparently waste some doctors' fees, but you will also save some lives, which is vastly more important.

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Miss J. G. S., dressmaker, says—I have been troubled for years with constipation. Have been advised not to use cathartics as they are not natural. I have occasional headaches, gas in stomach and bowels and other symptoms of dyspepsia. I get nervous and cross. What shall I do?

Well, now let us reason together. You say cathartics are not natural. I believe you are right; but is sitting still all day sewing, running a typewriter, a telegraphic instrument, a telephone exchange, or keeping books natural? Then you have taken your case more or less out of nature's hands and must look after it. Even at that you can only assist nature. If you can do so in the case of the constipation resulting, by drinking more water, eating more freely of fruits and cereals and less freely of cakes, pastry and meats than in a state of

nature; and take plenty of exercise, nature may do the rest. If not, keep the bowels regular by some other means. By using enemias you may; but failing with that, use cathartics or laxatives, rather than suffer from the ill effects of constipation. One of the best laxatives is phosphate of soda—a teaspoonful dissolved in a glass of hot water and drank before breakfast. If this is not sufficient, take a similar dose before the noon meal also. Still failing, take a third before the evening meal. Mineral waters, as Friederichsbad or Hunyadi, Pils Cascarin Comp. is an excellent laxative, as is also the Compound Podophyllin pill. Whatever you use, take enough to get results, and establish a fixed habit of going to stool at a given time every day, whether so inclined or not. The habit should be as regular as going to meals. You cannot sit all the time and keep well. Take some exercise out of doors every day.

A. B. R., writes—I take cold on the least exposure, have a cold most of the time, yet I am very careful.

You make a hot house plant of yourself. Your rooms are too warm; you dress too warm; you eat too much and drink too much tea or coffee and not enough cold water. When you feel you are taking cold next time get at some hard work—physical labor—and keep at it until you begin to perspire; throw off some of the wraps or outer clothing and continue until you are tired. Have ready a gallon—four quarts of cold water in which a teaspoonful of salt has been dissolved; with this, after quickly removing the clothing, sponge the whole body from ears to toes, two or three times over. With a rough towel rub yourself dry and warm and dress quickly. Take this cold salt water bath every morning and exercise enough daily and you will stop taking cold. If you are too weak to exercise or to stand the cold sponge at first, use warm salt water at first, then gradually cooler until you can stand it cold. If too weak to bathe yourself, have some one do it for you at first. If the skin is dry and harsh, put ten drops of pure creosote into a pint of olive, peanut or cottonseed oil and rub one or two tablespoonfuls of this thoroughly into the skin when dry from the bath. Be sure to get a free natural movement of the bowels every day—best accomplished by eating freely of cereals, fruit, stewed prunes etc.

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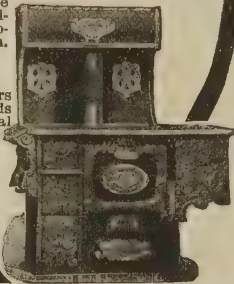
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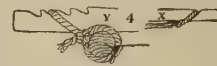


SKATE sailing is, when the necessary conditions are present, undoubtedly our finest winter sport. The richest and the poorest, the children and the grandfather, find equal enjoyment in it. There are speed and excitement in it to suit the most daring, and yet the sailor has full and absolute control of his speed in the hardest winds and can go to windward as well as the finest yacht. All that is needed is a patch of ice 500 feet square or thereabouts, more or less exposed to the wind, a pair of skates reasonably sharp, and a sail that can be stretched tight and flat.

The directions following are for what is probably the lightest, simplest, and most efficient sail, and also one that can be made by anyone at little or no expense. The one used by the writer, everything being bought new, cost him thirty-five cents, in detail as follows: three yards cloth fifteen cents, sticks fifteen cents, rope five cents; but any piece of cloth would have done and any sticks not too light. Two or three pounds difference will not be noticed in the weight of the sail as the wind blows the cloth against you so hard that there is no weight on your arms in sailing.

If your nerve will permit, it is easily possible to sail at thirty miles an hour with a wind blowing twenty miles per hour, but this speed is a little too much for most people's nerve unless the ice is very smooth and free from sticks or stones. The sail described is amply large for the person for which it is made, for winds of over five miles per hour and yet can be handled in a forty mile per hour wind, though very sharp skates are needed for windward work with such a wind.

To make the sail, if you use new cloth, a yard wide, have the piece long enough to go from your heels over your head down to the bottom of your coat or jacket. This would be two yards for a person four feet tall or three yards for one six feet tall. Fold it lengthwise to get the middle of one of the ends and crossways to get the middle of the sides then cut off the corners A and B as shown in drawing No. 1, and sew them on the straight sides of the big piece as shown. Get two sticks, one a foot longer than the piece of cloth and one about six inches longer than the side C-D of the sail or six feet and six inches long, about half as large as your wrist. Fold and tack the edge C-D of the sail to the short stick starting about three finger widths from the end, putting in tacks about the length of your little finger apart. The fold is necessary so the tacks will not

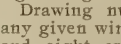


tear out. Cut a notch around the stick at each end of the sail and get enough cord to go around the other two sides with about two feet over. This cord should be too strong for you to break; clothes line is about right for man's size but any strong cord will do. Tie one end in one of the notches and sew the edge of the sail over and through this cord until you get to the point of the sail where a loop must be tied as shown in the drawing No. 2. This loop should be large enough to go over the end of the long stick then hook this loop over a door knob or something solid and tie the end in the notch in the other end of the short stick and sew the other edge of the sail to the cord the same as you did the first one. Unless the cord was used the first heavy puff of wind would tear it loose.

Put another loop of cord big enough to go over the long stick in the middle of the short stick, as shown in drawing No. 3, and 4-Y putting several tacks through it to prevent shifting or knots slipping. Cut a notch in the long pole the width of your hand from one end, then slip the loop on the short stick over it and hook the loop at the point of your sail on it as shown in drawing number, 4-X, then stretch the sail as tight as you can and mark on the other end of the long stick where the loop on the short stick comes. Cut a notch there and two other notches the width of two fingers apart between that and the end to take up the stretch that comes from use. Hook your loop on the short stick as in drawing 4Y in to the one on the long ones so as to stretch the sail as tight as you can. The sail is now ready to use.



In sailing keep the sail between you and the wind with the long stick next your body as shown in the little picture at the head of this article. Drawing number five is a picture looking down upon a sailor who wishes to go in the opposite direction to which the wind is blowing. He points his sail with the edge to which the stick is tacked as close to the direction the wind is coming from as he can and still keeps it pushing on the sail. Then he points his feet in the same direction as the long pole. He sails in this direction as far as he can or as far as he wishes, then turns toward the direction the wind is coming from and takes hold of the short stick and swings it over his head as shown in number six and bringing it down on the other side sails off in the opposite direction. Drawing number seven shows the position of the sail and sailor and the track where he goes. Doing this is called tacking and the drawing shows about what can be done in a medium wind and a tight-stretched sail, but it must be tight or it is very slow work, and if you can't do it your sail needs tightening.



Drawing number eight shows the way to go fastest with any given wind. The two lines in drawings number five and eight are skate tracks, and the line with an arrow shows the way the wind blows. The girls and ladies can sail just as well and enjoy it as much as the men and boys as strength has but little to do with it and all are on an even footing. The writer has in a single afternoon taught six people, men and women, boys and girls, how to sail and tack, each one sailing one or two miles, and sailed ten miles himself.

Don't take hold of the long stick in turning in a brisk wind or you will think you have hold of a bucking broncho, but as long as you hold the short stick the wind has no power and it can be handled easily in the strongest wind. Any cloth can be used but if very old, one or two extra seams lengthways will make it strong enough. There is nothing gained by making the sail larger in proportion to the owner than the dimensions given; it is harder to stretch tight and the difference in speed, except in very light winds, is not noticeable when going before the wind. The sail is very convenient to carry as the loops being unhooked, the two sticks may be laid together and the sail rolled around them.



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A close observer of fashions finds always system and method in the modes for each season. Styles are not selected hap hazard from here and there, of this period or that; and as the most beautiful women are those who are truest to types, so the most beautiful gowning is that which is truest to the period from which it is adapted.

It is fitting therefore that with the gowning of the present time dress that belonged to a period when poke bonnets were worn and demureness was the key note of the ensemble of every girl's costume that hoods of all kinds should be worn. There are hoods knit and crocheted, hoods made of the furry Angora wool and of the beautiful silken pompadour; hoods for little tots, and hoods for old ladies, and hoods for every age between; there are hoods for evening wear, hoods for outings of all kinds.

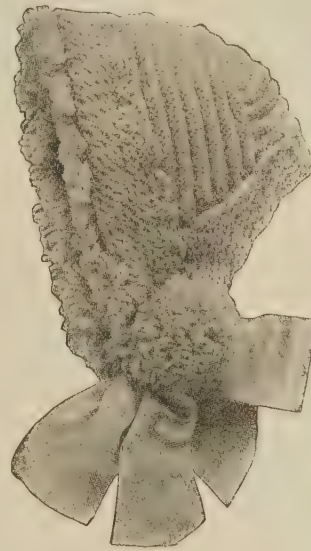
Mentioned first, because it is the loveliest of all hoods, is the iridescent opera hood, made loose and fluffy and altogether delicious of zephyr shetland. Those acquainted with this wool know how delightful it is, and can conjure up in their minds the beauty of the wrap. For it is that almost more than a hood. It is made loose, in large shells, one color over the other so that an iridescent effect is secured, and graceful folds fall about the face with halo-like effect. Over the shoulders the billowy mass continues to fall well down the front, finishing with big ribbon bows. It is a garment for the debutante, even for her who is well endowed with the world's goods.

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For outdoor wear in the blustery days of March is a delightful Brownie hood, crocheted in star stitch of four fold ger-

Flemish hood that is long at the sides, offering protection for her ears and the glands of the throat, and high in the back so that the beauty of her hair may not be concealed. Four fold zephyr ger-mantown is used in making the hood and barred knitting is employed. There is a deep turnover border around the face. This border is in a fancy stitch and is usually of a contrasting color. There are full pompons of wool over the ears and below them are ribbons to tie.

It is the really little tot that comes in



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As a rule, however, it is the Dutch hood and the Brownie hoods that receive most favor, and they are made from many materials and in many stitches. The Dutch hoods of Saxony yarn predominate, quaintly trimmed with turnover bands of the same plain knitting as the hood itself, but in a contrasting color. Generally these hoods are untrimmed; a bow placed on them spoils the purity of the type and is but a jarring note in what otherwise would be lovely.

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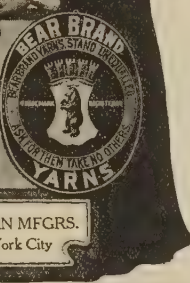
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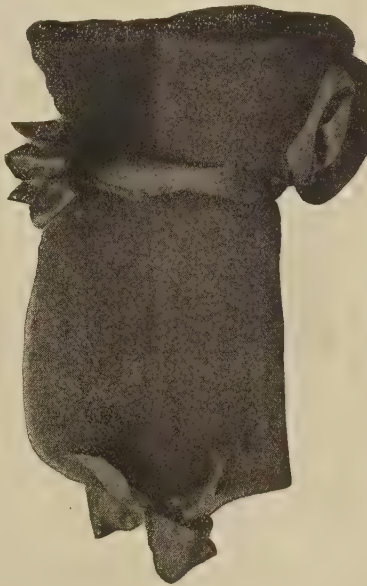
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The wealth of a man is the number of things which he loves and blesses, which he is loved and blessed by.—*Carlyle.*

When men grow virtuous in their old age, they are merely making a sacrifice to God of the devil's leavings.—*Swift.*

Choose the company of your superiors, whenever you can have it; that is the right and true pride.—*Lord Chesterfield.*

The true strength of every human soul is to be dependant on as many nobler as it can discern and to be dependant on by as many inferior as it can reach.—*Ruskin.*

O thou weed,
Who art so lovely fair, and smell'st so sweet,
That the sense aches at thee,—would,
thou had'st ne'er been born!
—*Shakespeare.*

We should always keep open and free a corner of our head in which to make room for the opinions of our friends. Let us have head and heart hospitality.—*Joseph Joubert.*

He who makes a flower grow gets some good for himself, and he also gives good to every passer-by who sees its beauty. The gardener is blessed and blesses. Why is not every one for some portion of his time a gardener?—*Canon A. Barnett.*

The History of the Sewing Machine.

Needlework is as old as human history, but the first person to attempt the making of a machine to sew with was a German tailor named Charles Frederick Weisenthal, and this was for hand embroidery only, and the needle used was double-pointed, with an eye in the middle. This was in 1755 and fifty years later a Glasgow machinist, John Duncan, made an embroidering machine which had the beginning of the loop stitch idea.

But neither of these was a sewing-machine. The third character in this interesting story was a London cabinet-maker, Thomas Saint. He was of an inventive turn of mind and spent all his spare hours in inventions of various sorts. Finally, about 1790, he took out several patents for inventions in connection with leather. Quite by accident, some eighty years later, it was discovered that among his other patents he had taken out one for "quilting, stitching and making shoes, boots, spatterdashes, clogs and other articles." Even the patent office seemed to be surprised that it had really granted a patent for a sewing-machine, yet it was the first genuine one ever constructed and was on the chain stitch principle. It was rude, to be sure, yet experts declare that it carried out most of the ingenious ideas of the inventors of the next fifty years, not one of whom could have heard of it, since it lay forgotten for eighty years.

In 1830 a Frenchman invented a machine for stitching gloves and two years later Walter Hunt of New York invented a machine having the lock-stitch. Besides this, there is in the Polytechnic at Vienna the model of a machine dated 1814, invented by Joseph Madersberg, a tailor of the Tyrol, and this had the lock-stitch idea, but this machine would not work.

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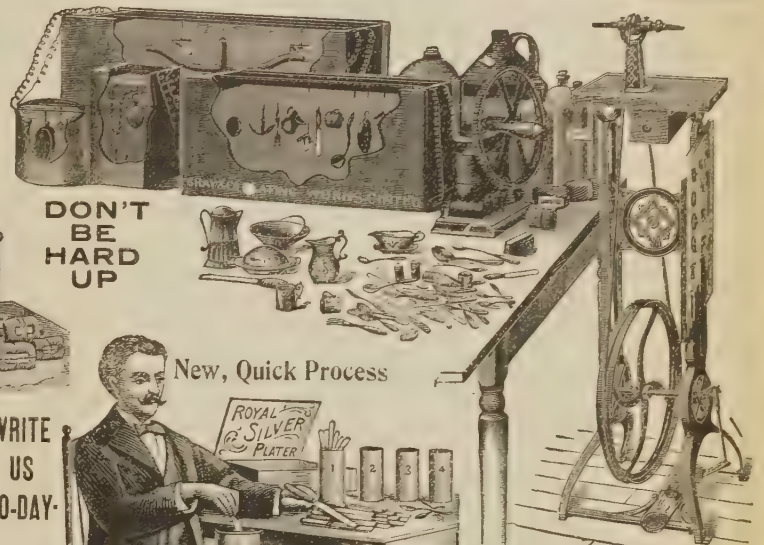
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To show you what others have done, we quote the expressions of a few who have made money in the nickel, gold, silver and metal plating business.

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There is really a wonderful demand for replating. You can do business at nearly every house, store, office or factory. Almost every family has from \$2 to \$10 worth of tableware to be plated, besides watches, jewelry, bicycles, etc.

Every boarding house, hotel, restaurant, college or public institution has from \$5 to \$75 worth of work to be plated. Every jeweler, repair or bicycle shop, every dentist, doctor and surgeon, every man, woman and child, you meet has either a watch, some jewelry, bicycles, instruments, or some articles needing plating.

Besides the above there are hundreds of patentees and manufacturers of metal goods, bicycles, sewing machines and typewriter repair shops who want their goods plated, or to whom you can sell a plating outfit, furnishing them supplies for doing their own plating.

Retail Stores who handle hardware, harness, tableware and plated or metal goods all need a plating and polishing outfit for refashioning goods that become worn, soiled, rusty or tarnished.

Every Undertaker requires a plating outfit for replating and finishing coffin and hearse trimmings which are soiled, tarnished or worn.

Manufacturers are making and selling tons of new tableware, jewelry, bicycles and various kinds of metal goods every month which has only a very thin plate, which, in a few weeks, wears off, making the goods unsightly, unfit for future use unless plated.

Manufacturers of new goods do not replating on old goods, whatever, but try to force the public

to throw away the old and buy new at high prices, but this only makes the plating business better.

The more new things plated goods sold the greater will be the demand for plating. Plate some articles for your friends and neighbors by Professor Gray's Process, and it quickly proves to them its genuineness and merit, and that your plating is much thicker, will wear better and longer than a large



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percentage of the new goods. Your trade is then established, and within a short time you will have all the goods you can plate.

Plate a few articles for your friends, call a few weeks, a few months, or five years later, and you will find the plate satisfactory, and they will give you every article they have needing to be plated.

When you deliver the goods plated to customers they will be well pleased, in fact delighted with the work, will pay for it promptly, and you will be given on an average twice as much work to be plated as they gave you the first time you called.

YOU CAN DO PLATING SO CHEAP

that every person can afford to have their goods plated. No tidy housekeeper will allow worn and rusty tableware to go before a guest when it can be restored and made equal to new.

No person will wear jewelry or a watch, or ride a bicycle, or use a typewriter, sewing machine, or any machine made of metal from which the plate is worn off when they see samples of your work and hear your prices. People in this day and generation are too sensible and economical to throw away their old goods and buy new when they can have their old goods replated for so small a cost, making them, in many cases, better than when new.

The best part of the plating business is that it increases fast and is permanent.

Put out your sign, secure your outfit, do a little work and quickly you will be favored with orders. If you do not wish to do the plating yourself you can hire boys for \$3 or \$4 a week to do the work the same as we do, and solicitors to gather up goods to be plated on commission.

It is not hard work, but is pleasant, and especially

so when your business is netting you \$20 to \$35 a week for 5 or 6 hours' work a day.

This is only a minimum income which may be earned by any one who is not lazy; hustlers should make \$100 weekly.

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The profits realized from plating are tremendous. To plate a set of teaspoons requires only about 2c worth of metal and chemicals; a set of knives, forks or tablespoons about 3c worth. The balance of the price received for the work is for the agent's time and profit.

Agents usually charge from 25c to 50c per set for plating teaspoons, from 50c to 75c for tablespoons and forks, and from 80c to \$1.00 for knives.

We allow you to set your own price for plating. Get as much as you can. You will have no competition. You know what it costs to plate the goods, and all you get over cost is profit. Some agents charge much more than the above prices, while others do the work for half and still make plenty of money.

Let us start you in business for yourself at once, don't delay a single day. Be your own boss. Be a money maker. We do all kinds of plating ourselves, have had years of experience and are headquarters for plating supplies. We manufacture our own dynamos and outfits, all sizes, and send them out complete, with all tools, lathes, wheels and materials; everything ready for use.

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THE NEW DIPPING PROCESS is the latest, easiest, simplest method known. Tableware plated by simply dipping in melted metal, taken out instantly, with a fine, brilliant, beautiful plate deposited. All ready to deliver to customers. MAKES THICK PLATE EVERY TIME. GUARANTEED TO WEAR 5 TO 10 YEARS. A BOY PLATES 100 to 300 pieces tableware daily, from \$1.00 to \$3.00 worth of work. Profits almost 100% per cent. Goods come out of plate finely finished. No polishing, grinding or work necessary, neither before or after plating.

You will not need to canvass. Agents bring it all the goods they can plate. People write for miles around. You can hire boys cheap to do your plating, the same as we do, and solicitors to gather work for a small per cent. Put a small advertisement or two in your local paper and you will have all the plating you can do. The plating business is honest and legitimate. Plating on our machines gives perfect satisfaction. Wears for years; customers are always delighted and recommend you and your work.

We are an old established firm, have been in business for years, know exactly what is required, furnish complete outfits, the same as we ourselves use, and customers always have the benefit of our experience. We are responsible and guarantee everything. Reader, here is a chance of a lifetime to go in business for yourself. We start you. Now is the time to make money.

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The above firm is thoroughly reliable and do just as they agree. The outfits are just as represented, and do fine plating, and after investigation we consider this one of the best paying businesses we have yet heard of.—Editor

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An extraordinary opportunity to profitably and safely invest your idle money or your weekly savings—Special offer to Vick's Family Magazine readers—The magazine free for five years—Big discount on all goods handled by the company—Read every word of this announcement

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We consider that, in securing the sale of this stock, we are more fortunate than any other investment brokers in the United States.

We do not believe that anything on the market at the present time, nor anything that will be on the market this year, can possibly equal an investment in the James Vick Company.

It is an extraordinary condition that makes it possible for the public to secure an interest in an enormously profitable business which has been conducted as a close corporation for over a quarter of a century.

What the Business Has Done In the Past.

James Vick, founder of the famous seed business, established Vick's Family Magazine in 1878. The success of the magazine has been phenomenal and it is a much larger and more profitable business than people generally suppose.

James Vick, the founder, died in 1882, leaving an estate estimated at half a million dollars.

The Present Company.

The James Vick Company is regularly incorporated with an authorized capital of one million dollars and is authorized to do business in every state in the Union and in Canada.

The stock is divided into one hundred thousand shares—par value \$10 a share.

The general offices of the company are at 62 State Street, Rochester, New York.

The business is in the hands of men of extraordinary ability and energy and is growing faster than ever before.

Mr. F. C. Owen, president and general manager of the James Vick Company, is undoubtedly better qualified to be at the head of such a business than any other man in the United States. He knows the business from A. to Z. He is a self-made man. He is broad-gaged in every sense of the word. He is a man of exceptionally pleasing personality—a characteristic of most men who do great things. Again like all men who accomplish big things, he is extremely enthusiastic about everything he undertakes and he has made a decided success of every enterprise he has ever gone into.

Probably the most difficult (although by no means the most important) work he has ever done was that in connection with the starting and building up of the greatest educational publication in the United States—The Normal Instructor.

We have never known a man who enjoys more perfect health, or who can do more intelligent managing and, at the same time, handle an enormous amount of important detail work.

Mr. Owen is 35 years of age.

With such a man at the head of the company, and with the most competent men that money can hire as heads of all departments, the greater development of this famous old business is just about as nearly certain as the continued success of the United States government.

Vick's Magazine Is a Very Large and Very Profitable Part of the Business.

Few people realize how much money is spent by advertisers and what

enormous fortunes are made by successful publishers.

While Vick's Family Magazine has a circulation of more than 100,000 copies a month, and is making a lot of money, it is a small magazine compared with some that have been pushed more aggressively.

For instance, The Woman's Magazine, of St. Louis, has a circulation of 1,600,000 copies a month and has a gross yearly income which we estimate at over one million dollars. That enormous business has been built up in about five years by circulation booming methods now being applied, for the first time, to Vick's Family Magazine.

We have estimated the gross receipts of Munsey's Magazine, for advertising and subscriptions, at \$1,650,000 and we have been told that the net profits of that magazine are in excess of \$700,000 a year.

At the time The Ladies' Home Journal, of Philadelphia, was started Vick's Family Magazine had been making money for many years and yet The Ladies' Home Journal has a circulation of more than 1,000,000 copies a month and an estimated annual income of \$1,400,000.

Comfort, a magazine which is printed on very cheap paper, and which we consider inferior in many ways to Vick's, was started only a few years ago at Augusta, Maine, by a man who practically had no capital. It now has a circulation of 1,250,000 copies a month and it has made its owner, Mr. W. H. Gannett, a multi-millionaire.

We might mention any number of instances where magazines of less merit than Vick's have quickly earned immense fortunes for their owners.

Mr. Owen and his associates are just putting into operation a series of circulation booming plans which we firmly believe will, inside of the next two or three years, give Vick's Family Magazine, a larger circulation than any other publication of any character anywhere in the world.

The magazine at the present time has more than 100,000 circulation, is carrying more high-class advertising than any similar magazine in the United States, and the net earnings are upwards of 20 per cent. This is fine testimony to the ability of Mr. Chas. E. Gardner who is advertising manager. The circulation is now growing so rapidly that a new advertising rate twice the present rate will go into effect February 20th.

Free.

Everyone who buys stock—even the investor who takes only one share—will receive, absolutely free, Vick's Family Magazine every month for five years.

Dividends.

Dividends are paid every four months—January first, May first, and September first.

The company is now earning dividends amounting to 15 per cent a year which is less than it has paid in the past.

The reason for the reduction is that a considerable amount of money is now being expended in booming the magazine.

We do not believe that the dividends will be less than 15 per cent at any time and, although we want to be so very conservative in estimating the profits of the future that none of our clients will ever be disappointed, we do not hesitate to predict dividends amounting, at the very least, to 20 per cent or 25 per cent a year, as soon as the agricultural implement and fertilizer businesses are well under way, and the magazine business made much more profitable by greatly increasing the circulation and increasing the advertising rate accordingly.

Just think of what 15 per cent means. It means that, if you invest \$10, you will receive \$1.50 a year for the use of your money and, at the end of a year,



James Vick, Founder

your \$10 share is likely to be worth \$15. If you invest \$100 you will get \$15 a year in dividends. As the dividends are payable each four months you would get \$5 every four months instead of waiting a year for \$15. If you invest \$1,000 you will receive a dividend check for \$50 every four months—\$150 a year.

Can there be any easier way to earn money than to make your idle money earn it for you? Certainly not. That is the way people get rich. Don't say you haven't an idle dollar. If you really haven't, go and earn it and then begin your fortune with it.

If we induce you to begin saving a dollar or a few dollars a month, by investing in the business we represent, we will be doing you more good than if we were to make you a present of a thousand dollars.

All Common Stock.

The stock is full paid and non-assessable. It is all common stock. As there are no preferred shares all shareholders will receive the same percentage of dividends. If you buy a single \$10 share you will get the same percentage on your money as will be received by the largest stockholder.

Why Stock Is Now Offered to the Public.

For many years there has been a great and constantly growing demand on the part of the customers of this company for various commodities which could be handled to excellent advantage in connection with its big business.

The two lines for which there has been the most general demand are agricultural implements and fertilizers.

The profits on both of these lines are very large and there are no off years. A properly managed business of this character will continue to grow almost indefinitely. It may grow faster some years than others but it will never go backwards.

The present capital of the business is all required to handle the seed and publishing businesses, now that they are growing so rapidly, and, in order to quickly raise capital for taking on the fertilizer and agricultural implement businesses, it was decided to market five hundred thousand dollars' worth of the treasury stock.

A few of Mr. Owen's personal friends and business associates in Rochester immediately made application for large blocks of the stock and it is probable that upwards of two hundred thousand dollars' worth of stock will go to them. We expect to immediately place another one hundred thousand dollars' worth with our clients. This will leave about two hundred thousand dollars' worth to go to the general public.

It is the desire of Mr. Owen and other officers of the company to distribute the remaining two hundred thousand dollars' worth, so far as possible, among investors—particularly farmers, fruit growers, and those having large truck gardens—who will take small blocks of the stock, say ten to twenty-five shares each. Of course, the object of distributing the stock in this way is to more widely advertise the Vick seeds and other products.

Every shareholder will naturally give a preference to the company in which he owns stock, especially in view of the fact that anyone owning ten or more shares will be given a special discount on anything sold by the company. This



Francis C. Owen

President and General Manager of the James Vick Company

discount in itself will, in many cases, pay for the stock in a year's time as it will be liberal.

We know that the many farmers, and truck garden owners, throughout the country, who have patronized the Vick house for years, will appreciate this opportunity to invest a little money in the business. The great prestige of the house and the fair and generous treatment always accorded its customers, are sufficient guarantee that every dollar received from investors will be used to the best possible advantage in building up a business by far the greatest of its kind.

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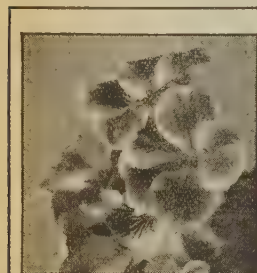
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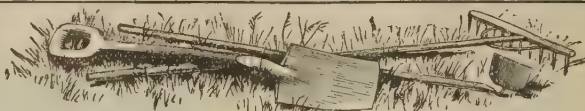
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In The Garden



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An Early Start.

"I'm the last of all the train Sent to give the earth repose,"— Is the note of warning that February sounds.

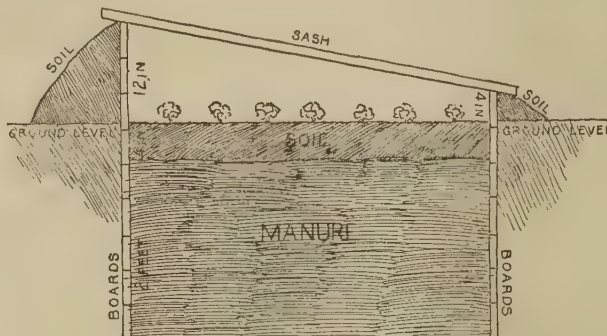
To us of the snow-bound regions of the north the Garden number sent out this month will seem almost as one born out of due season. Not so with our friends of the sunnier clime who, if they would gather in the too previous warm, must be up and afield. They will be planting and sowing while we can only wait and plan and by way of diversion shovel snow paths and the like. Well the evening-up time will come ere long, and with the preliminary work thoroughly in hand and well planned we need not be so far in the wake after all.

The Hot Beds.

These will be the first to receive attention in the real work; and to assist those unused to their structure we insert a section of hot bed from Bulletin No. 94 United States Department of Agriculture. With a single exception, the design embodies all the general principles of hot bed making; and of course, may

may, even in northern locations be safely started in late February or early March. These will stand some frost; and if cold backward weather necessitates holding under glass for a longer time than ordinary, the larger leaves may be clipped back which is often desirable as it makes more stocky plants. Tomatoes should not go into the open ground until all danger of frost is past and warm soil and weather are reasonably assured. The time for starting these will not be hard to determine, as good strong plants should be grown from the seed, transplanted to pots or cold frames and be hardened off in about seven weeks. Peppers and egg plants are perhaps most tender of all, and require seven to eight weeks from seed. It is useless to attempt setting in the open ground until warm settled weather prevails; as they never fully recover from the check which cold soil and weather are sure to give them.

Early beets may be much hastened by sowing in the hot bed, and the seed may be sown as early as cabbage or cauliflower. They stand transplanting well and two to four weeks may be gained over seed sown in open ground. Any



be varied to meet the needs of all. The exception noted is that the embankment above the ground level is of soil rather than manure. This would be fatal to the work especially in the early season and would not be safe at all. Bank with fresh manure the same as is used for filling and in case of long continued cold weather more can be added.

Provided there is good drainage the plan of excavating is the safe way for late winter and early spring; but in wet locations it is best to build entirely above ground. With a pit from one to two feet in depth more manure can be used, and upon this of course, depends the life of the bed. Two feet of manure is none too much for the cold weather of the early season, and this will give sufficient heat for six to seven weeks. Later started beds will do equally well perhaps with less depth. Much care is necessary in preparation of the manure and the filling of it into the bed. Fill in in layers of a few inches in depth, and tramp thoroughly. If the mass, after tramping is spongy there is too much litter and not sufficient manure. If too soggy when tramped, more coarse manure should be added. The mass should be well heated before filling into the bed, and if the process is too slow, hot water will aid very much. Let it be remembered that success is the difference between thorough preparation and indifferent or careless work as to the detail.

When to Start.

This depends entirely upon location and varieties to be grown. The cold weather plants or those that will stand early transplanting to the open ground as; lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower, etc.,

variety may be used; but the turnip shaped are most desirable. By far the best of all both as to earliness and quality, is Crosby's Egyptian an illustration of which is here shown.

Out Door Work.

The earliest vegetables to be started in the open ground will be the onions, peas and lettuce. For the first named, the common sets or small onions of last year's growth will do. If suitable soil is at hand, they may be put in as soon as the frost is out sufficiently to work two or three inches of the surface. They will not mind considerable cold weather, so the earlier they are in the ground the better. So too with peas, provided the smoother sorts are used. The wrinkled varieties, with perhaps, one exception are not hardy enough to safely plant until warmer weather; but any of the first early sorts listed by the seedsmen will be safe to plant as soon as the ground can be worked. The Alaska is doubtless the earliest pea under cultivation and if we desire to get them a few days ahead of our neighbors, that is the variety to sow. Choose the lightest, warmest soil at hand; and cover the seed lightly for the very early sorts. Later on, heavier soil and deeper covering is the better plan.

Lettuce is nearly ok hardy; and the seed may be safely sown as soon as the surface soil can be worked. The plants may be picked out when quite small and transplanted to wider distances, which gives better opportunity to more thoroughly work and enrich the soil. The plants will stand plenty of water and almost unlimited quantities of fertilizer, which are most easily applied (at least during the growing stage) in the form of liquid cow or hen manure.



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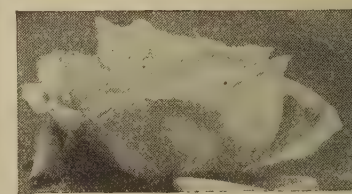
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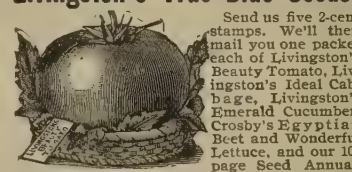
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There is no lack of varieties, and all are good under favorable conditions; but some sorts are not desirable for general culture as they do not succeed well in hot weather, while in the cooler days of early spring and late fall they are all that could be desired. For first early, perhaps the early Tennis Ball stands second to none. This is a head lettuce of excellent quality and quick maturity. The Grand Rapids stands at the head of the forcing varieties and does equally well out of doors. It is a black seeded, open head variety and very ornamental.



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The accompanying illustration gives a good idea of form and size; and for all the seasons lettuce I know of nothing better.

Second Early Sowings.

Following the above named vegetables come those somewhat less hardy but still sufficiently so to be safely planted as soon as the soil can be thoroughly and deeply worked. Radishes, seed onions, turnips, beets for greens and second crop, spinach. Early carrots and parsnips are also in order. Of the former, the early scarlet Horn is the best early table carrot in cultivation. They are beautiful in appearance, and excellent in quality as soon as large enough to use until fully grown. The figure below



very fairly illustrates their general form and habit.

The parsnip is a slow grower at best; but a recent introduction; the Early Round helps us out as to season of maturity. In quality it is inferior to the later sorts; but its earliness somewhat compensates for this, and it does fairly well for a compromise. For the main crop which may be sown somewhat later, the Hollow Crown or Improved Guernsey should be the chief dependence.

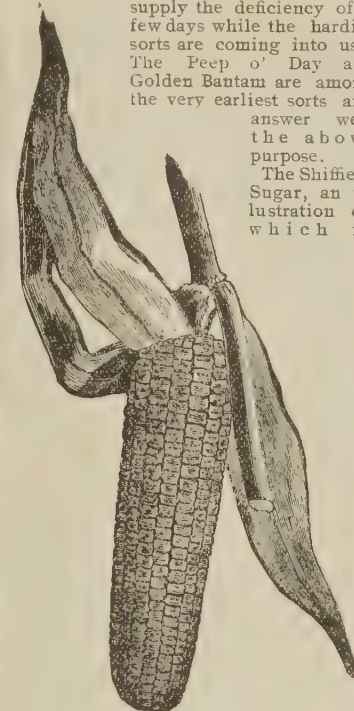
Under this head may also come a second sowing of peas; but if weather and ground still remain cold, the extra early sorts had better be sown rather than risk the wrinkled varieties until more favorable conditions prevail. For second early and late, one could hardly make better selections than McLean's Advancer, Thropshire Hero in the order named, and Champion of England. By sowing the former two a few days apart, and the Champion of England and Thropshire Hero at the same time we shall have a succession covering quite a long period.

Sweet Corn.

In small, or even moderate sized gardens the chief difficulty in planting many varieties is the certainty of mix-

ing. So the safer plan is to have fewer sorts and depend upon planting at intervals for successions. The serious drawback to all the small extra early sorts is their liability to smut, so they should be planted sparingly merely to supply the deficiency of a few days while the hardier sorts are coming into use. The Peep o' Day and Golden Bantam are among the very earliest sorts and

answer well the above purpose. The Shiffeld Sugar, an illustration of which is



shown, is extremely early and the most dependable variety that I have tried. Although heavy stalks and large ears, it is very hardy, withstanding early planting and even slight frosts, so that its season is very little later than the earliest of the small sorts. I have grown it for table use by July 7, in seasons when frost was plentiful in the ground as late as April 10. By planting at intervals of a few days we may have this variety from extra early to the time of frost. Where a small area only is available this plan is desirable. Where the area is larger and plots can be planted distant from each other a variety is of course desirable.

The great obstacle in the way of getting sweet corn early is the liability of the seed rotting before it germinates. This may be overcome to considerable extent by sprouting the seed previous to planting. Take shallow metal pans of any kind, sprinkle an inch or two of sand or good soil in the bottom. Over this spread a piece of cheese cloth and scatter on the seed. Cover with a second layer of cloth and cover all with soil. Sprinkle sufficiently to moisten well and place the pans where they have heat. Keep the soil moist and in five to seven days the corn will be ready for planting and the danger of rotting will be past. This of course is only necessary for the first plantings, and the difference in maturing will many times over, pay for all the extra trouble.

Early Potatoes.

It pays well to take a little extra pains with early potatoes whether it be merely for home use or for market. Ten days or two weeks of time may be easily gained by sprouting the potatoes previous to planting. Thirty days time is none too much to give them, so the date of starting may be easily determined. Take shallow boxes three to four inches in depth, put in an inch or more of sand, cut the seed pieces and sand them thickly together until the layer is complete. Sift on sand until the seed pieces are about three-fourths covered. Sprinkle with water until the sand is moist and place the boxes in a partially darkened room, with a temperature of about sixty-five degrees. When the ground is ready for planting, the boxes may be carried out and the pieces dropped directly from them to avoid too much handling. If any doubt exists as to the time gained, try the same varieties side and side.

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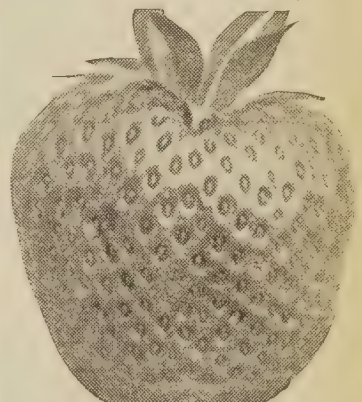
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My Lima Beans.

Last year all of my garden space was taken except a strip along the fence, when I found I had forgotten the lima beans. We are all particularly fond of green lima's and any surplus we may have finds ready sale in the village so I decided to plant some on the strip, which is four feet wide and about three hundred long. It had not been used for years and was covered with blue grass and clover. First I spaded it up to the depths of six or eight inches, chopped the sod up with a hoe, then I gave it a liberal dressing of poultry manure, worked it thoroughly into the soil, then with a rake I smoothed the strip. This was about the twentieth of April, but it was not until the fifth of May that the ground was warm enough to plant beans. Then I planted one hundred and ninety-two hills, making two rows three feet apart and the hills three feet apart in the row. May was a wet, cold month and many of the beans rotted so I was compelled to replant about one-third.

They grew slowly through May although I cultivated them frequently and when the plants were six inches tall I applied more poultry manure, working it in thoroughly. But June brought fine weather and the beans began to grow rapidly. I kept them entirely free from weeds and stirred the soil almost every day. They climbed the poles and made a fine heavy growth of vines, and in July began to bear. From that time until frost they were covered with blossoms and pods, the dry weather seeming to affect them little. I think the reason for this was that I continued to cultivate daily throughout July and August and so in a measure offset the drouth. I gathered the beans as soon as they were large enough, selling all we did not need for home use. Several trees shaded the upper end of the rows of beans so much that twelve hills bore practically nothing, and at the other end a big barn partly shaded twenty hills so they did not bear as well as those that had full sunlight, but with these drawbacks the yield was still good and this strip yielded a larger profit, in proportion to its size, than any other part of the garden. From the two rows I sold eighty-seven quarts of shelled beans at twenty-five cents a quart, making \$21.75. Besides these we ate twenty-three quarts, and counting them at the same price we have from this four by three hundred feet, strip \$27.55.

Now, it seems to me that there is no necessity of placing the hills three feet apart and next year I intend to try a new plan. I shall plant the beans eighteen inches apart in the row—just half the old way—and place a pole at each hill, but instead of bringing four poles, two from each row, together at the top and tying them I will stretch a wire or twine along each row and tie the poles to it, upright. Then I can run a cultivator between the rows and can grow twice as much as formerly on the same ground. It will require more fertilizer and possibly in time of drouth the beans would not do so well but I intend to arrange to pipe water to the garden so I can water at will. —Nat. S. Green.

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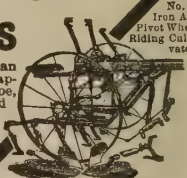
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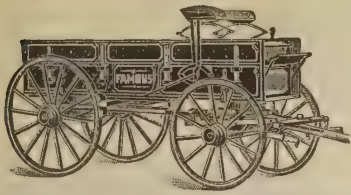
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It may be interesting to the readers of this magazine to know that because most pigeon houses are termed lofts it does not necessarily mean that such buildings are sky high on some building or on the roof. This term is used from the fact that some fanciers had a small place fixed up over a barn, house roof or some other place and had only a few pairs of birds flying loose. To beginners let me say this kind of loft is not required for squab raising unless a barn or stable is the only place to keep pigeons; then it is all right, but to make a business of raising squabs, buildings should be on the ground. An outside cage must, by all means, be made for various reasons besides sunning and airing themselves when the birds are to be kept in confinement, but to allow their liberty would be out of the question where several thousand birds are kept. A few pairs can be allowed to fly out but all the large squab raisers have the birds confined in buildings with a cage attached. The size of the building depends entirely upon the number of pairs of birds to be kept. To pay attention to a few pairs requires almost the same amount of time as to attend a large number, so, when about it, better put up a building capable of holding a thousand birds, and make a business of it, paying strict attention to it, and making money than to have only a small place with a hundred birds, making only a small profit, and neglecting them. Where a few are kept, other employment is required for a living, and the birds naturally become neglected. To start in the squab raising business, start right. If you intend to make a business of it, it is all right to start with a few pairs, but let your object be to increase to a thousand pairs at least, then you have a money making business without much labor attached.

I would advise beginners to start with 100 pairs and increase as you learn. There is a great deal to learn in this, as in any other business, but if one starts right, giving them attention and having the object in view of increasing to a large plant sometime, those are the ones who make a success. A building to hold one hundred pairs comfortably should be at least thirty-two feet in length, ten feet in width, and seven feet in height; the building could be larger, but the above size is large enough. A cage attached should be the same length as the building, fifteen or twenty feet in width and as high as desired. In this they can exercise, get their drinking water, bathe, get their grit for digestive purposes and have a general good time. The building should be built facing the south, made good and tight for winter, with one or two windows in front, also several small holes where they can get into and out of the cage. Pigeons like sunlight, and you can't give them too much. The cage should be made of one-half inch wire netting; the larger sizes are often used, but a sparrow can get through the mesh and if any number accumulates as they will, they consume considerable feed. Keep sparrows, rats and mice out of the buildings, by all means. The roof of the building is usually made of three-ply tar paper, which lasts for many years, if cared for and pitched once a year. Inside the building boxes for nesting should be arranged in a convenient place, made in the same style as a chicken nest, and twice the number of nests that there are birds. Each pair requires two nests, for they often build a new nest and lay eggs, at the same time they are rearing a pair of squabs in the other nest.

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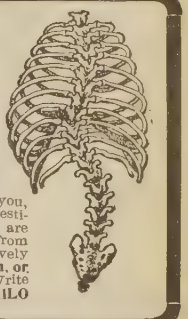
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Fruit Notes

Small Fruits.

BY JOHN ELLIOTT MORSE.

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In my rambles through city, village and countryside the above question is constantly forced upon me by the almost universal absence of the small fruit garden. True, many are engaged to a greater or lesser extent in growing in a commercial way; but the home gardens are sadly in the minority and are the exception rather than the rule. Many of us, I fear, are far too charitably disposed toward the growers, and allow them to do the growing for us while we pay the price for whatever they may have to offer. In many instances of course, they can be purchased for less than they would really cost to grow them. But really this is no valid excuse for any who possess ground enough to grow even a small amount. Upon nearly every village or city lot that might well be thus utilized. Some places may be too much shaded for vegetable growing and even for some of the small fruits. Very well then, use such nooks for the black caps and blackberries. They take kindly to the shade, and provided there is sufficient fertility afforded them, luscious crops of either can be grown in just such locations. In England, with very limited space and unbounded appetites, they even train the fruit trees to the walls and sides of the houses. Surely in broad America, few of us are so unfortunately situated. But when it comes to the rural districts and the dwellers therein, there is little excuse for such lack of home comfort, health and happiness as the fruit garden affords.

Now we are by no means urging everyone to rush pell mell into fruit growing as a business else we should all become poverty stricken. What we do urge is that any who have an available spot, utilize and beautify it by growing such kinds as can be grown and come as nearly to the home-supply mark as possible.

Now as to kinds, exercise a little forethought. Consult your surroundings and individual tastes. If you like strawberries best, and have suitable ground, by all means plant them. If it be some variety of the bush fruits then select those best suited to the available space. In most cases something can surely be selected that will grow, and the care and culture of it will interest and bring us closer to nature.

As to varieties—some will reach the height of perfection under certain surroundings and with right soil conditions; while under other soil and local contingencies they will prove nearly or quite a failure. Then the safer plan is to look about us and see what varieties succeed best with our neighbors. In general, they will be safest to plant and give best results.

Below we insert in part an article from one of our subscribers. Its length will necessitate two or more parts which latter will follow later.

Profitable Crops of Strawberries.

Part I.

The first and most important consideration is soil fertility. Plants, time and money are wasted in the attempt to grow paying crops upon soil in poor mechanical condition, or deficient in one or more of the essential elements of plant life. No matter how strong and vigorous the plants or how careful the culture given, the maximum of yield cannot be reached unless these elements are present and in available form.

Nitrogen, potash and phosphoric acid must all be present and the more nearly the proper balance is preserved, the more perfect the resulting crop. The former is mostly for the growth of foliage, and its deficiency will be quickly noticeable by a sickly and unnatural growth. As the plants breathe through their leaves and by this means assimilate the properties that go to form the plant itself and also its fruit it will be easily seen how essential is a healthy growth of foliage to a proper fruit development.

Phosphoric acid is essential to stimu-

late seed growth, for without a normal development of seed there can be no fruit. The fruit proper or pulp is produced merely as a receptacle for the seeds. Notice how in imperfectly formed berries, the ill shaped side contains no fully developed seeds. Little or no pulp is present because there is no use for it.

Potash is essential to the pulp development or the fruit proper. Hence it will be seen that the absence of any one of the three will seriously affect the results as a whole.

It is not enough that the soil be rich in the three elements above named. There must also be present a goodly supply of humus (decayed vegetable matter). Ordinarily, new lands or those which have grown but one or two crops give best results in fruit production. And the conditions here found are the wise provisions of nature.

Science tells us that the productiveness of such soils is due largely to the presence of humus; its office being to keep the soil grains loose. The texture being thus improved, the soil becomes more pliable and its power of moisture retention is greatly increased. It also tells us that worn out or partially run down soils may, in a measure be restored to primal conditions by the incorporation of humus into the soil, the addition of plant food, and crop rotation.

M. N. E., Petoskey, Mich.

Bush Fruits.

Some of the bush fruits may be made to serve good purposes as border shrubs and screens. A clump of raspberry bushes, if kept well-pruned back and the old canes cut out promptly, will look well and bear an abundance of fruit. The same is true of blackberry, gooseberry and currant bushes. The Dwarf Juneberry is also well-suited to the same use. All these bushes should be well mulched with coarse manure and lawn clippings. A well-kept strawberry bed is a pretty sight at almost all times of year, no matter how small. Good judgment and reasonable care will make a few fruits about the house-yard both beautiful and useful.

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Report Secretary of Agriculture, 1904.

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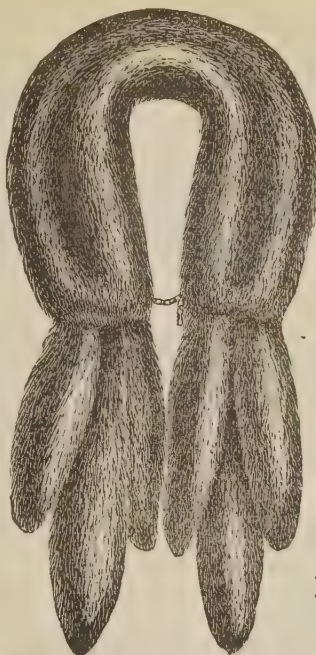
Keep the mouth responsive and sensitive. Too much cannot be said on this subject, for if a horse's mouth is spoiled much of his value and safety are gone. Bad and cruel bits will do it. Yanking will do it.

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Poultry Foods.

BY HELEN C. MELDRUM.

Milk is one of the very best foods that can be given to fowls. In one sense it is the very best as it is a complete food; but its great bulk is against it, for it would be impossible for poultry to drink enough milk alone to satisfy their appetite. It must therefore be used in connection with other food. While sweet whole milk is to be preferred sour and skim milk is also valuable. The objection of milk as a substitute for meat is its undue proportion of water. It is calculated that it will require seven pounds of skim milk to equal one pound of lean meat for flesh-forming qualities.

Some poultry-raisers never feed meat, claiming that its use is unnatural and unnecessary. They overlook the fact that it is but a substitute for the insects from which the poultry are debarr'd by confinement. The practice of feeding upon them proves the craving for animal food, the elements of which enter into the composition of eggs.

The practice of feeding green bone has now become nearly universal. Its merits are generally acknowledged but they are enhanced by the particles of meat adhering to the bone. The two together combine all the elements of the complete chick. Vegetables and green foods of all kinds will greatly assist in keeping the fowl in good condition during the winter. All the small potatoes should be boiled and given to the hens, who will greedily pick them to pieces. The same is true of turnips. Parings of all kinds of vegetables will be readily eaten. Poor worm-eaten apples will give a zest to their appetites, and a cabbage hung where they will peck at it will serve the same purpose. Pumpkins are also appreciated. Clover hay or corn-fodder cut to half-inch lengths, scalded and sprinkled slightly with corn-meal supplies a very good and economical ration. Peas and beans cooked and thickened with bran are excellent for laying hens; so is sweet ensilage. Beets and carrots form a splendid winter relish while onions are popular and exceedingly healthful. If fed in moderation, there is not the slightest fear that the last named will effect the flavor of the eggs.

The great value of all these vegetable foods lies not merely in their power to tempt the appetite but in their supplying the bulk necessary to thrift and egg production; in mere nutritive qualities most of them are inferior to the grain which they should supplement not displace.

Variety, too is an important feature which should also be considered in supplying the grain, for mixture of corn, oats, wheat, buckwheat, barley, etc., will be found to give better results than where one grain alone is used.

Points to Remember.

If you want fertile eggs in the spring feed green stuff during the winter and keep the hens busy.

An egg is nine-tenths water, and the hen that does not have plenty of water cannot produce eggs plentifully.

Charcoal is one of the best things that can be given to poultry. Charred corn cobs make a good quality of charcoal.

A man may be a true fancier without ever having bred a single fowl, but it takes actual experience to make a good poultryman.

A variety of grains and vegetables feeds, mixed with warm common sense, makes a good ration for fowls at any time in the year.

A nail hole in the wall of a poultry house has often started a case of roup that has extended to the whole flock. Look out for the little crevices in the roosting room.

There is no danger of overdoing turkey raising. Every year the demand

exceeds the supply. This country could use about four times as many as are produced each year.

The hen that gets out first in the morning and lingers longest about going to roost is likely to be the best layer you have. It requires an active and alert disposition to make a good laying hen.

Do not expect to become an expert in a year. If you allow the first mishaps to discourage you you will never make a success. We all must pay for knowledge of any kind and the little failures are the price of success.—Poultry.

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So, the next move was to buy a flock of eight Partridge Cochins and a cock, for which I paid twenty dollars to a well-known fancier. And, about the same time, I saw a fine flock of single-comb Brown Leghorns, that kindled my enthusiasm higher than ever; so I bought a mating of them,—about ten hens and a male, for about two dollars each. Of course, each breed was mated up separately, the common stock having the general run of the place.

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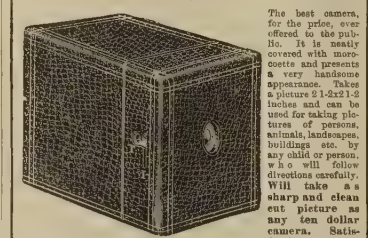
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My first is many miles away,
Quite distant or remote;
My second's a transaction or
A deed just kindly note.

My third's a drink—I will admit
Its neither rum nor beer,
And yet it is a liquor made
From malt and hops, 'tis clear.

My total is a hoop skirt worn
In years now dead and gone,
When grand dames danced the minute
In days of Washington.

No. 2, Hidden U. S. Presidents in Anagram.

I called today to see George Harris, but (1) *G. H. was not in*. I then called his boy (2) *Sam in*. "Do you know where George is?" I asked. "No," answered Sam, "I saw him leave with his (3) *gun*." "Rats!" cried I, (4) *mad as a hatter*. I set out to search for him, but stopped when I observed some men filling a ditch. They were working so slowly, I said, "Why, (5) *D. can level it in a day*." One of the men replied, (6) *"No, Rome wasn't built in a day."* "True enough," said I, "but at this rate it would require a year to (7) *fill Rome*." (8) *"Ah, yes,"* he replied. Just then my friend George approached and the conversation ended.

No. 3, Transposition.—

He views an — upon the tree,
Does sharp old hunter Brown;
And aiming — as you may see
He quickly brings it down.

The correct word (three letters) of the first blank, transposed, will give that of the second.

No. 4, Word Square—(Reads down and across the same.)

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x x x x x
x x x x x
x x x x x
x x x x x

1. A machine used in printing Vick's Magazine.

- To set a second time.
- A girl's name.
- A large fishing net.
- To guide a boat.

No. 5, Enigma—

Tho' Mother Goose has long been dead,
Miss Muffet feared me, it is said.

I spin a silk much finer than
Was ever shown by work of man;
While it is clear I do not shirk
For by the web I show my work.

Long, long ago, upon a time
When everything was blood and crime,
Amid the days of war and truce—
I courage gave to Robert Bruce.
And by example showed a way
To whip the English in the fray.

No. 6, College Tangle—

R	E	H	C	O
S	T	M	D	R
A	Y	A	R	N
L	E	V	A	E
H	A	R	L	L

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No. 7, Beheadment—

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Then eat a dozen more.

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robbed of mother's breast and given over to a "wet-nurse" and nurse-girl. If only such mothers could know the inner lives of these helpers in putting the sweet little "troublesome comforts" aside! How they would shudder to trace the degeneracy of the wet-nurse or her fearful diseases repeated in the family's treasure or the immoral and secretive nurse girl's evil thoughts and words blasting a child under four years old! Is it not sad enough to have no warmer friend than a glass bottle or must you stand by and calmly watch while another woman relieves the fond glances, love-pats and cooing sounds of comfort from your baby—scarcely yours if now, by choice not by necessity, you "give it the bottle"—aye, even add soothing syrup to it—because 'tis easier.

There is often a lonesome expression on the faces of little ones thus robbed. If you decide to wean baby make sure that for some good reason it must be and a good mother will shed bitter tears when forced to this decision.

In cold weather nursing mothers should be more careful about cold. Getting up nights to run around cold floors in her bare feet while tending possible older and ailing children is one way sure to be risky. Avoid this and if you do not use "bed-socks," those modern and sensible luxuries, which only cost ten cents a pair, slip on some appropriate bedroom slipper. I often refer women to the celebrated Dolge Felt Shoe because the actual values of the goods from wee shoes for infants upwards to dainty pairs for mothers and fathers are so great. For instance I consider the felt shoe for "creepers" and toddling babes the best of croup prevention—if other care be equal. And if mother has a warm easily donned slipper and a warm dressing gown she is well insured—as she should be since homes need mothers.

A progression in diet appeals to my mind as good sense, and if at six months old a nursing baby can be induced to accept one or two meals or begin to acquire a taste for more than its mother's

milk, granting these "tastes" are proper ones, it is a double benefit in most cases. It taxes the motherless and allows her to bestow better qualities in the meals she now supplies while training the child's developing digestion by easy stages. (One artificial food uses this idea successfully, but with others these lacking elements can be supplied. I will name some articles I consider safe and useful to gradually introduce:—Well cooked (salted) gruel of Wheatlet thinned with sweet cream; Cook's Flaked Rice—see directions in each box—the only rice food I know of—or home made rice-jelly, prune juice, orange ditto, scraped sweet apple (some babies can eat ripe pears freely. One sturdy specimen of nine months eats two at a time. Others thrive on scraped banana. All differ, and care is needed in beginning a change) and a little mixed grape juice and water and Bovinine is simply ideal. Avoid the habit of sucking raw salted fat pork, I beg! Or the habit of chewing on raw potatoes and other vegetables—with colic soon after! One nursing mother inclined to gluttony during and after pregnancy ate eight ears of sweet corn as one item in a meal; she would freely eat cabbage—and I never pitied a baby more. It was simply wild with pain save when under influence of double doses of Paregoric. Today her children are repulsive because of "piggish" appetites. Bland fruit are a great aid to mothers while nursing but vegetables may disagree frequently.

It seems incredible that anyone needs to be told, yet knowing how many do need such advice I insist in capitals—Give Baby Water Four Times A Day. Begin at birth, persist despite some seeming opposition for your baby will be aided in many ways, such as kidneys and bowels, and during teething no better relief can be used than Water, internally and externally. An average modern case may be considered one where the nursing mother entirely feeds the child till it is six months old. Nearly so is one where at four months one or perhaps two meals are artificial. A slow lessening of the meals given by the mother, and gradual increase and

variety in the other foods will make weaning imperceptible, and less injury to the form of the breasts which need some care as "the milk dries up."

It is lamentable that so many suffer in this respect all their future lives and I hope to be one to fully explain causes and effects and ways to prevent and relieve the annoying features attending the art and mission of nursing baby. A cloth support can be made to support the bust—no stiffness is allowable or safe—and I know of a fine ready made girdle support now on the market. Misuse of the breasts causes not only painful distortion but leads no cancers.

We are now ready to leave the subject of breast-fed infants at one year old to consider those unhappy ones who must depend on a bottle. Ere so doing I wish to warn my readers not to use beers or liquors at all, tea or cocoa, too freely, and remember the child receives secondary effects if you take medicines. To move its bowels easily it is only necessary to take a teaspoon dose of powdered rhubarb yourself. This with many is a heavy dose, enough to gripe the baby.

Next month I will discuss artificial feeding of babies under six months old. Cholera watches every bottle fed baby as a too possible victim.

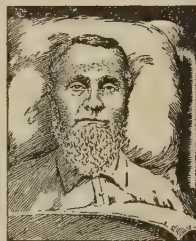
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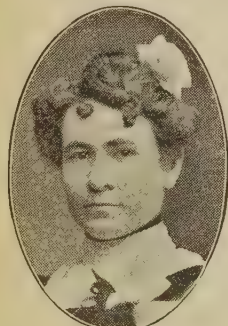
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The Household

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mend table linen according to the weave in the cloth; this is a real art. The best that ordinary housekeepers can do is to ravel out the threads from strips "evened off" from new linen and strengthen the weak places in the old table cloths before a hole appears. When they get beyond this remedy, they can be cut up into traycloths, fruit napkins and bibs. To hem new linen always employ the French method, that is fold the hem backward and stitch "over and over." It is easier than plain hemming and almost invisible when nicely done.

Washing windows in February is a cold task; but as they often need it badly by that time the best way of doing is to use a soft chamois with warm water and ammonia in the proportion of a tablespoon to a quart of water. First wash off all the dirt with the chamois quite wet, then go over the glass carefully with the chamois, wrung as dry as possible. It will need no other drying.

New Use for old Brooms—Cut off the splints just below the wires with a hatchet or sharp knife. Bind them into bundles and tie firmly with strong twine—one broom will make four or five bundles. Nothing is better to clean sticky dishes like the oat meal pan, etc. One can be kept to clean the sink, another to reach the corners of the stairs and that dull line where the floor and base board meet.

Lard—This is the time of year to make up the lard needed for the summer. The quality is better than that made in warm weather and if properly prepared will keep all right. The labor is not great and when one considers the quality as compared with what is sold in the stores under the title of "Pure Leaf Lard" it will be a surprise to anyone who has never before tried it, what a difference there is. Buy the leaf when the butcher has a fresh supply on hand—rinse in cold water if there are any signs of dust. Cut in strips the size of a finger. Put in a porcelain or iron kettle, sprinkle a tablespoon of salt to about six pounds; add one-fourth cup of water to moisten the bottom of the kettle and place in a slow oven. The encircling heat will try it out better than using the top of the stove. When the scraps are a golden brown, pour through a wire sieve that is covered with a piece of cheese cloth. After the free fat runs through, gather up the ends of the cloth and with a spoon press out the remaining fat. Another advantage in using the oven is that there is very little odor.

Pot Roast—Did you ever cook a pot roast in the oven? The result is very satisfactory. Buy the cross rib or shoulder roast. Trim off a few pieces of the fat and let them try out in a kettle on top the stove. Put in the meat and brown quickly on both sides. Add enough boiling water to cover the meat two-thirds—also a small carrot, one onion, two tiny red peppers. Put in the oven, turn the meat a couple of times and add salt when it has cooked an hour. To make the gravy skim off the fat and mix with an equal quantity of flour, add water which is below the boiling point; then set on the stove and stir till it thickens. There should be no trouble with lumps. The same rule applies to all thickened gravies. An extra bowl of gravy can be saved to make meat pie for next day's dinner. Cut the meat in even pieces and put in a baking porcelain dish, add the gravy with a little water and heat while making the biscuits.

Biscuits—One quart sifted flour, one teaspoon salt, four even teaspoons baking powder, one tablespoon butter, two tablespoons dripping or lard. Rub the flour and fat together, add enough milk to make a soft dough, cut into small biscuits and place close together on top of the hot meat and gravy—the extra biscuits can be baked in a separate tin. The chinks between the biscuits allow the steam to escape, so the gravy will not boil over in the oven. They also serve nicer than cutting the hot crust of an ordinary meat pie.

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So it grows with stealthy power,
Marks its progress slow but sure.

Soon it poisons all the system,
Wrecks the hearing, taste and smell;
But there is a graver danger
Coming, as the days will tell.

'Tis Consumption, grim and awful,
Strangling soon the sufferer's breath;
And Catarrh's unheeding victim
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washed with soap and while the house-keeper might not entrust the work to inexperienced help, she might like the result by trying it herself. Before the chicken is cut up, wash with tepid water and home made soap, using a small vegetable brush for the purpose, rinse carefully and wipe dry. After cutting up, sprinkle each piece with flour. Use enough melted butter to cover the bottom of the kettle, lay the pieces of chicken close together and brown on each side. Add boiling water and set on the back of the stove where it will simmer for two or three hours according to the age. Make the gravy the same as for the pot roast using extra butter melted, if there is not enough fat.

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A Spinster's Valentine.

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lamp and leave the room for the second time that night. It was not long however before she returned with her apron filled with something that looked rather bulky and from which a little later she produced a gray beaver hat, its brim flapping in anything but the latest fashion, a long plume much the worse for wear, a bent steel buckle and some miscellaneous ribbon bows.

The tall clock on the mantel struck twelve, loud and clear, before Emeline put up her work and went to her own room; however, when she did so she left the gray hat well brushed and pressed and adorned by various trimmings, lying triumphantly on the table. "I'll do it, Tika, if it is after eleven years, no matter what people say," she said aloud as she did her hair up in curl papers and she nodded at the bewildered cat to emphasize her words.

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Emeline could distinctly hear the beating of her own heart as she trudged over the frozen ground on her way to the meeting house the next morning, for Valentine's day had again come on Sunday. She went the longest way, turning corners to avoid being seen by many people, for though she was determined to carry out her intentions, yet she trembled at the thought of what consternation she would cause among her most intimate friends, for she was prinked up to that degree that she scarcely knew the bright face that had smiled back at her from her bed-room mirror; the habitual plain black dress in which she had appeared at church Sunday after Sunday for so long was discarded and in its stead rustled a stiff silk that had been her mother's, while around her shoulders was folded a bright paisley shawl that she had worn in that old time and which she was sure Henry would remember; until now it had lain folded away all these years. On her head the gray beaver hat perched itself as though it knew the prominent part it was enacting in this game of hearts; beneath it the brown curls hung over her forehead in soft ringlets and her eyes were gleaming with a light that few in the village could remember ever having seen in them. She arrived purposely very early and only one or two people were there; she took her usual seat and waited; as the house began to be filled her face flushed into a delicate pink then gradually grew red to the back of her neck; she heard not a word of the sermon but was constantly wondering what people would think of her, and Henry most of all; she was sure he would consider her an old fool—just what she was—she thought desperately. She bitterly repented what she had done and hoped against hope that Henry would not be there. In fact Emeline was not mistaken when she thought people were wondering at her: Mrs. Pinkham who sat just two seats behind her, whispered to her neighbor, "My land look at Emeline, how she is dressed, that's the same hat some of her kin folks sent her from the city years ago. I haven't seen her wear it since Caroline Wilson married, and that be more'n seven years ago, and she's never worn anything but black since her Ma died—what can it mean?—and that bright shawl too—you mark my word—there's some meaning to all this."

At this juncture Mrs. Jones had softly hinted that she and Henry Osborne had once been lovers, at which Mrs. Pinkham replied eagerly, a light dawning on her wrinkled face. "That's just it, she's fixed up to catch him, I declare I'm s'prised that Emeline could be so brazen, but they do say an old maid can be worse 'an anybody when she takes a notion—Mark my word she's allus been in love with that feller. Did I ever tell you how she acted when I told her he had gone?" And so Mrs. Pinkham rattled away till a hymn was called and they all arose to sing. At last they were dismissed and filed out in groups and stood together near the outer steps. Emeline waited as long as possible, then went slowly out, feeling more embarrassed and conspicuous than she had ever felt in her life. She avoided speaking to anyone and passed Mrs. Pinkham before that worthy woman could detain

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BY TRACY NELSON.

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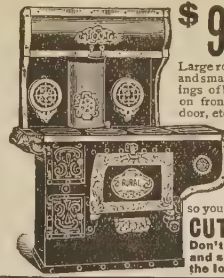
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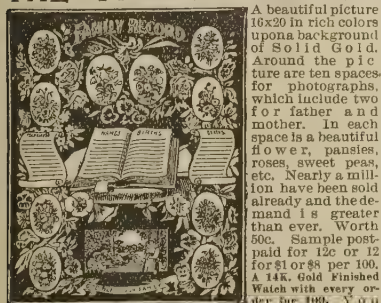
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The Charms of Winter.

BY AGNES SCOTT.

Each season has its charms, and to enjoy each season, we need to be on the alert and to know how to gain much profit and pleasure from the varied changes of Nature. Of all the moods of mother-earth, we need to respond to the manifestations of the winter realm. It is when winter holds her grand and silent rites over the bare, brown earth, that we see her like a mother of humanity, for under her mantle she protects the roots and germs of grasses and flowers, and is preparing for a greater luxuriance until the smiles of spring bring them to newness of life.

Thoreau, who has urged mankind to come forth and see the everlasting wonders of Nature, says that: "Many of the phenomena of winter are suggestive of an inexpressible tenderness and fragile delicacy." The great naturalist enjoyed the friendship of the seasons. He was conscious and aware of the presence of all the visible beauties which were something kindred to him. It was in the solitude of the woods that his grandest thoughts took root and unfolded themselves. In pleasant hours, in rainy and snowy days, he saw the ceaseless unfolding of all earth's elements. Even the pine needles were his friends. He knew every track in the snow, and what creature had taken the path before. His happiest hours were when he revealed to the world nature's wondrous gifts.

In the winter world we can but find inexhaustible interest in the sunny days, in the snow storms, in the birds, in the

woods, and in all the features that take place each day.

For my own part, I enjoy the mystery of nature. We should have clear eyes and open souls to recognize the kingly messages of nature, for all is a simple and natural instruction to all mankind. It has been my grandest privilege to witness the finest exhibition in a snow-storm among the New Hampshire mountains. The drifts and tremendous masses were carved into wonderful and beautiful shapes by the architects of the atmosphere. The pines, firs and hemlocks in their ermine of snow stood like sturdy individuals narrowing into the sky.

In all directions the noble heights of the snow-clad mountains almost supported the sky, they appeared like white leagues of mossy undulations. There was an irresistible eloquence in these earth's guardians, for they gather within their compass the everlasting beneficence, that their functions may be indispensable to human existence.

The crystal days are worth a great deal of sacrifice to behold and enjoy. What can be more beautiful to see than the earth in its royal robe of snow and ice. Every branch upon the trees coated in ice that crackles to the blast of the wind. The sunbeams illuminating the crystal lacework in dazzling light and color making nature seem like a fairy land. The perpetual frolic of the lights and shadows on its rugged, white mountains are exquisite in their changefulness. I cannot tell the half of the keen pleasure and thoughts that come to me at the sight of the sunny mountains, for, in some way they express that evident purpose of teaching man. The noblest scenes can be seen and felt by those who will feel that he is with them.

The snow scenes are sometimes capricious, sometimes awful, sometimes sublime—never the same. Ruskin loved the snow drifts, and like the artist he saw picture after picture, and says that: "In the range of inorganic nature I doubt if any object can be found more perfectly beautiful than a fresh, deep snow drift, seen under warm light. Its curves are of inconceivable perfection and changefulness; its surface and transparency alike exquisite; its light and shade of inexhaustible variety and inimitable finish,—the shadows sharp, pale, and of heavenly color, the reflected lights intense and multitudinous and mingled with the sweet occurrences of transmitted light.

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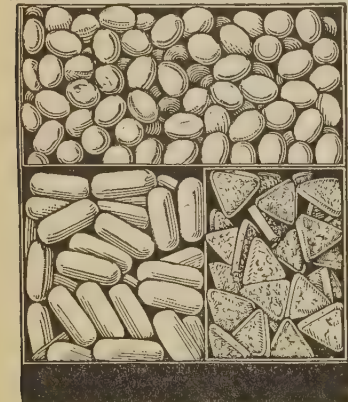
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Tangle Town.

(Continued from page thirty-three.)

But if you take away its head,
'Tis very plain to see,
Cook Nora will not have it round,
A puzzle it would be.

No. 8, Word Diamond—(Reads down and across the same.)

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      x
    x x x
  x x x x x
x x x x x x x
  x x x x x
    x x x
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1. A letter found in "paper."
2. A period of time.
3. A choice or select body.
4. One who prints a paper.
5. A fragrant oil made from roses.
6. A contraction of "ever."
7. A letter in "paper."

No. 9, Numerical—

My whole, composed of letters eight,
One who repents of sin, they state.

Small Teddy, full of fun and tricks,
Will often beg 1, 4, and 6.

While 8, 2, 7, I opine
Must be a number next to nine.

5, 4, and 3 upon a roof,
No doubt would make it waterproof.

No. 10, Letter Puzzle—

What letters are the following:

1. A slang word.
2. Makes honey.
3. A body of water.
4. Part of the head.
5. A vegetable.
6. A bird.
7. An addition to a house.
8. A girl's name.
9. A drink.
10. An exclamation.

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This contest closes January 15th, by which time all answers and new puzzles should be in.

Tangle Talk.

All readers of Vick's are cordially invited to enter Tangle Town. The prizes are worth trying for, and the puzzles will prove interesting for idle moments. Remember, a single answer is as welcome as a complete list. We will also be pleased to receive good, original tangles. Answers to the puzzles in this issue will be published in two months, solvers and prize-winners as early as possible. Be sure to send all puzzle mail and nothing else; to our address at the head of the department. We hope to hear from many of you.

Rees.

Items of Interest.

The bamboo holds the record among plants for quick growth. It has been known to grow two feet in twenty-four hours.

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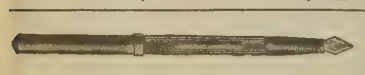
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The Apotheosis of Editha.

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limbed willows swept the gravelled walks about Willow-wood, and Editha from the window, could see the late roses peering out from their sparse foliage, and the little old-fashioned winter pinks lighting up the borders with their autumn beauty. A hundred times she had filled in the words of that letter which she knew literally by heart—it rustled in the bosom of her dress as she leaned up against the pane. A hundred times she had pictured his face full of tenderness for her—for her. The years had rolled back, and she was young and light of heart again, as she caught sight of him far down the road.

A swift sweet impulse seized her, and she found the old crimson scarf quickly, and wrapped it about her face. It was faded now, and moth-eaten, but she knew he would remember and that it would be beautiful to him.

"Aunt Sally," she said with a lift in her voice, "I am going for a walk in Willow Glade with George."

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"The crazy lunatics!" ejaculated Miss Sally, "but I guess it is just as well, after all."

Pretty Things to Make.

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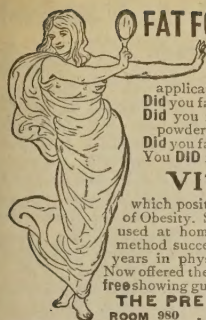
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A Reverie of Snow.

(Continued from page seven.)

quill. And ever and anon he blows upon his stiff fingers with his frosty breathe, (even as I do at this instant,) and groans as his thoughts revert to the warm-room and cheerful fire; the good substantial beef and ale; and the witty friends at Will's.

A burst of wild laughter drifts up from somewhere below me and echoes in my room. Instantly I seem to see a band of rakehell Mowhaws stagger arm-in-arm along the narrow walk, crowding the pedestrians into the snow-blocaded street. Even as I look, they part and line up in impudent half-courtesy to stare at a passing girl.

Unwittingly brooding too long upon that maiden, hurrying by with downcast eyes and hot cheeks, I loose track of my thoughts and drift away tied to her apron-strings. Then I find that she is a demure Puritan Dream, walking in her homespun cloak through the Thanksgiving snows towards the log church of Salem. I watch the stern Pilgrims gather in from the storm to worship, and I hear the earnest voices chanting some doggerel hymn, while I stand on the edge of the wavering ghost-wood. Then, as I look upon the scene, church, and wood, and mellow voices grow distant and unreal, and I come suddenly into the primaevial woods and eternal hills.

How wonderful is a first snow-storm in the wild mountains! The fat flakes are visible far in the air, eddying in uncertain winds and settling silently upon the world. From the cabin door, looking out across the narrow valley, what a mystery is encountered! The wild things of the wood have vanished as if they had never been. The deer are huddled together in far coverts, or trooping to winter valleys in the east; the large game shiver lonely in dark caverns and beneath frowning rocks; the rabbits and gophers and chipmunks have burrowed out of sight; the birds of summer are far to the south. Even the creek that was brawling down the valley, has wormed its way under the snow and disappeared.

The hills that yesterday were crowded thick with tall and royal pines, are transformed. Where the forest ends over yonder, I can see the green limbs bending beneath dark and ghostly aisles. Beyond the first line of trees, nothing is distinguished but a forest of white, with here and there some gigantic pine pushing its snow-crowned cone into the air. And falling ever on the valley, and forest, and far-extending hills, the snow-flakes come; twinkling and tumbling, and idealizing everything.

So it has been here for untold ages, and so it is to-day. It is hard to realize that every winter through the centuries, Nature has painted this wonderful picture, and none have been by to see it save some lonely, shivering Indian, seeking roots beneath the snows.

How mysterious and gloomy the lowering cloud is as it stretches from horizon to horizon! Such clouds travellers see at the early days of winter in the Northlands. When the sun has set for the Arctic wastes, and the first great snow-cloud broods over the apparent Universe, how awful it must be! The dull, monotonous cloud is over everything; and the dull monotonous plain stretches in solemn silence into the twilight night, while the quiet snow falls and falls upon the desolate land. Man is isolated with infinitude and eternity, and nothing is real but dreams and the falling snow!

My eyes rested upon the window, and I blinked in ecstasy. While I had been lost in reveries the cloud had cleared away, and now the sun stared down upon a bediamonded city. It seemed a scene from some pure and joyous planet, and was too glittering and ethereal for earth. Everywhere I heard fast-dripping waters as the snow hurried back into the earth again, and I sighed to know that the storm was over, and prosaic things so soon to be uncovered to the day.

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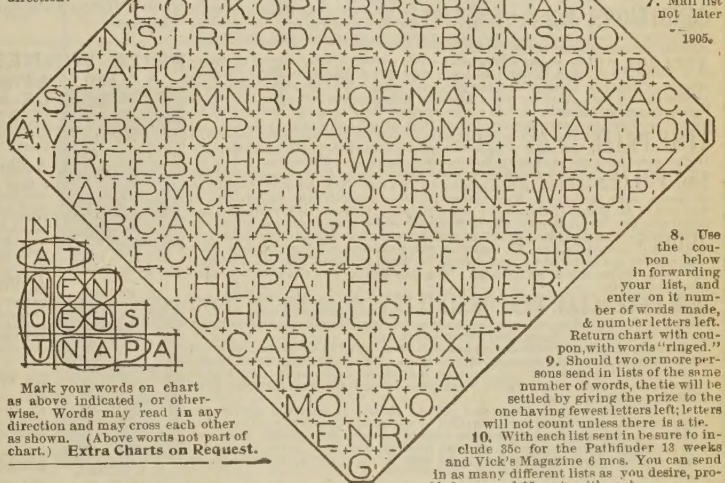
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A Spinster's Valentine.

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her as she wished to do. Tears of mortification gathered in her eyes through which she thought she caught a glimpse of Henry's bulky form, but she without hesitation, got over the stile and started on alone at as brisk a walk as was possible in her stiff skirts; she pulled the shawl up around her neck and her tears fell upon it; she longed to get back into the little sitting-room away from the prying eyes of the curious crowd. She knew she had made herself perfectly ridiculous and hated herself more and more every moment. She had not gone far till she heard a step behind her ring out sharply on the frozen snow; she increased her own to a still more rapid gait, she must let no one see her like this. "Emeline, Emeline," cried a deep voice and before she could recover her surprise Henry had overtaken her and was by her side; she turned her tear-stained face toward him as he caught both her hands in his, his honest eyes looking straight into hers. "Emeline, why are you crying? Did you repent and wear that for me at last?" and he looked longingly at the old grey hat. Tell me, dear, that you will be my valentine! You must know that I never could have any other but you—I wanted you eleven years ago and I want you now." But Emeline's tears could not be so easily dried, for the pent up misery of the two hours in church had upset her usually quiet nerves, and they had reached her own door before she had explained to him that she had never read his message till last night and had been moved to make the only reparation in her power; "But, Henry," she exclaimed, "I was miserable for I thought you would think me so forward and I regretted I had done such a thing." But now—then as the cat met her at the sitting room door she picked her up and once more burying her face in the white fur, whispered softly—"Tika, Tika, this is Valentine's day and he is here, oh, I'm so happy," and Henry hearing the words, took her in his strong arms—kitty, grey hat and all and kissed her blooming face.

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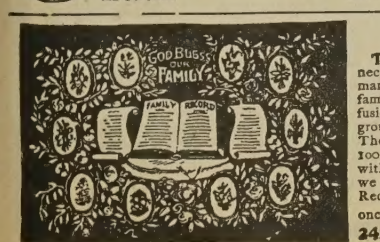
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February.

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With scold and challenge of the jays,
The song-birds plumed their shining wing,
And with the autumn passed away.

Outside the window, where the vines
Hang, shivering, stripped of all the leaves,
The icicles, like daggers, shine
Down-pointing, from the jagged eaves.
In feathery flakes, the silent snow
Falls earthward from the cold, gray cloud,
And wraps the silent earth below
In frozen whiteness, like a shroud.

The gray dawn lingers on its way
To touch the somber east with light,
And, like a startled fawn, the day
Flies, frightened, at the steps of night.
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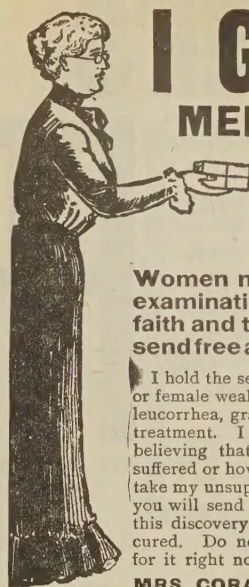
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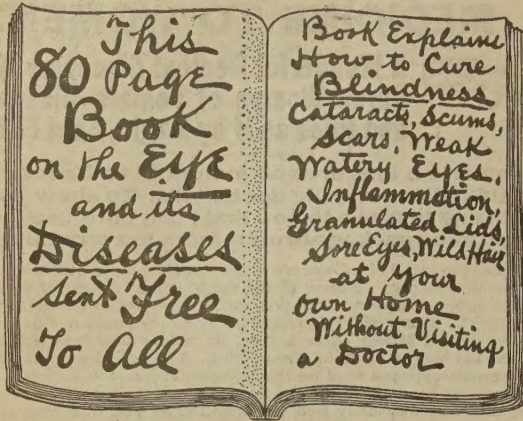
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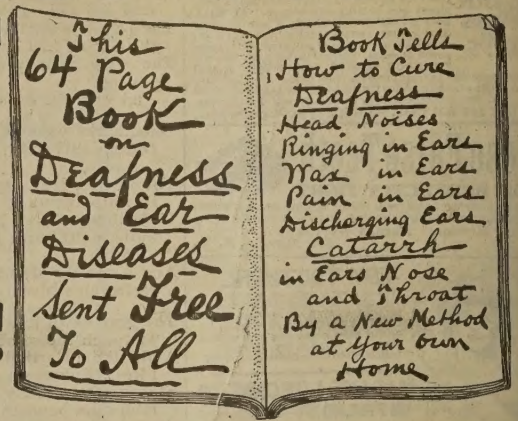
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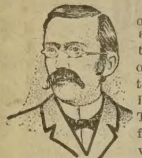
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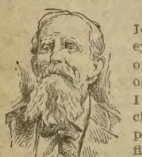
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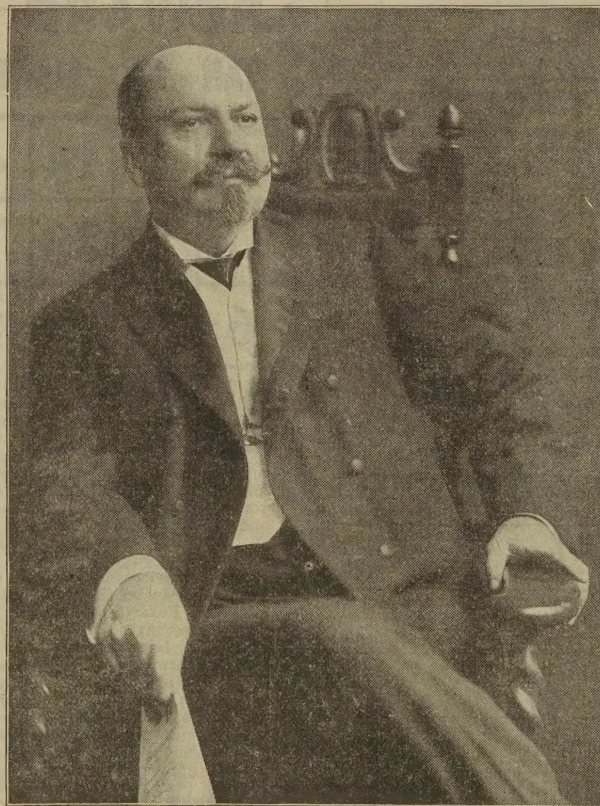
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